

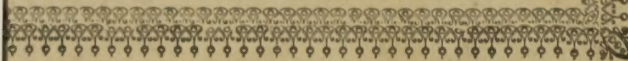
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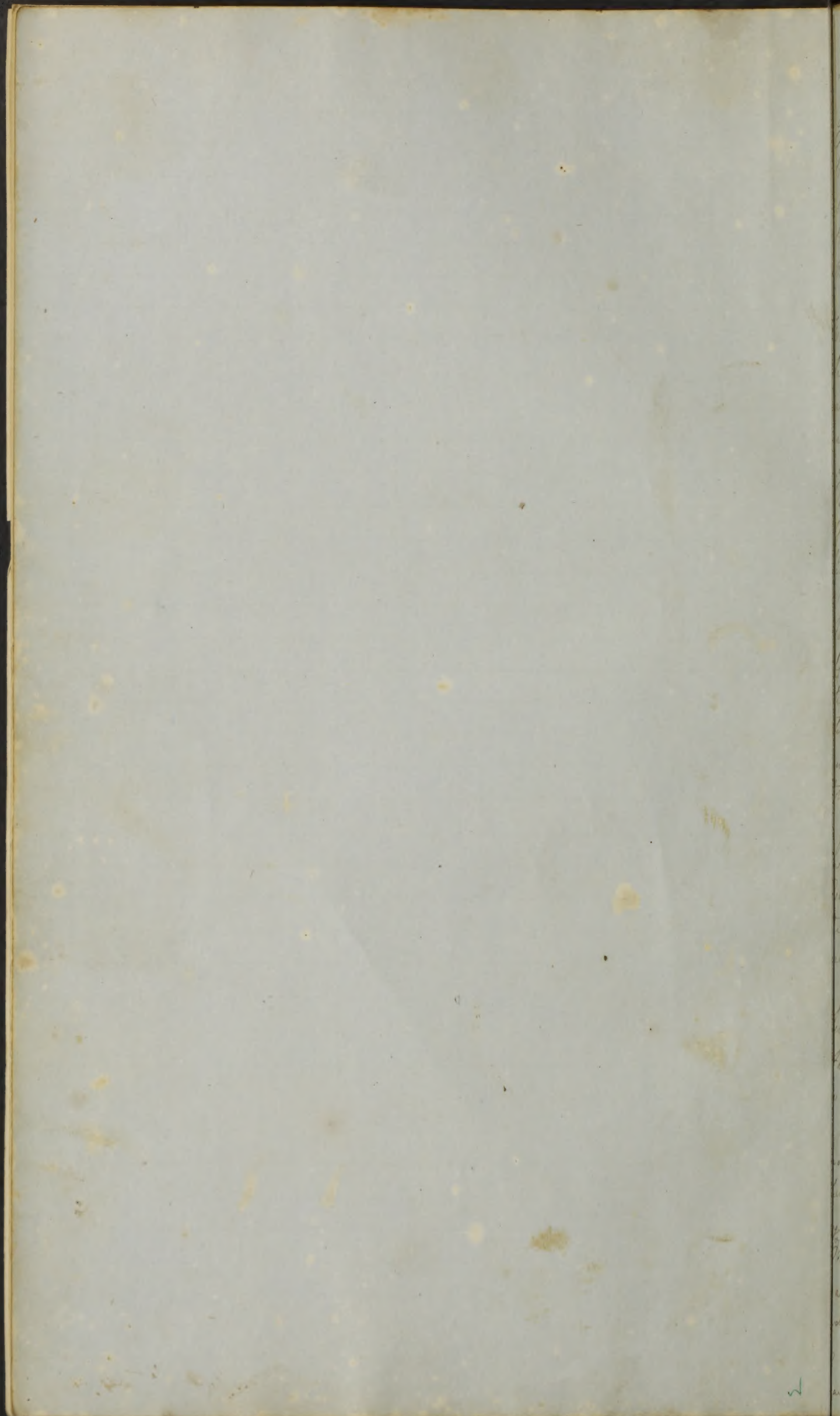






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Bound to the Kamscathia sea

Thursday Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

This day commences with a very light wind from the N. East Middle part wind light from the N. E. veering to the N. Latter part a fine breeze from the N. steering W. N. W. Have seen a great many sulphur Bottoms to day so ends

Friday-17 This day commences with a fine wind from the East About 5 o'clock a thick fog set in At 4 P.M. came to anchor in about 30 faths water and furled the sails Latter part took over anchor and made sail at 6 o'clock saw the land (Fox islands) stood into towards Punamak passage but not being able to weather it kept off for a bit one but came on a calm and drifted the edge with a about 60 fths chain. so ends.

Saturday-18 This day several natives came off they brought several Fur Seal skins, Ducks, and their eggs. They are the most agreeable and least repulsive looking of any nation that I have seen on the N. W. coast. They are quite light and one, a boy, was really good looking. They wanted tobacco, but expressed no desire for liquor. At 6 o'clock got fair tide and a light wind from the Eastward. Took anchor and stood out of this passage bound to Punamak straits again. Middle part a fine breeze from the N. W. are beating through Punamak passage Latter part got a head wind so that we were obliged to anchor.

Sunday-19<sup>th</sup> This day tide coming fair bore up against a Breeze to the windward but the fog setting in saw none of them at sundown came to anchor again. Their two Roboesver in sight both burning. One is on Punamak straits and I should think it was 12 or 14 thousands ft from the level of the sea but that is merely my conjecture it it may be more and the way be less. The other is but a few miles from it and is quite and on top whilst the former runs up to a peak of bears are most representations to West Indians as Green books. Latter part got a fair tide and a leading wind and sail and stood off shore so ends Lat 54° 34' N



## Cruising in the Kamscathia sea

Monday Aug 20 / 60

This day a strong wind from the S. W. drove hauled on the starboard tack. Saw a great many Finbacks hauled in a boat and struck a large Fur seal and saved him latter part heading into the N. W. with a strong wind from the S. W. nothing seen to day

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> This day commences with a fine wind from the S. E. steering to the N. W. Middle part wind from the S. E. steering into the N. W. Latter part close hauled on the Starboard tack so ends

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> This day a fine wind from the N. W. which is dead ahead Latter part wind strong from the N. W. Broke out water wind stronger than it was this morning but is hauling some so ends

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> This day foggy wind to the S. E. hauled into the Port Middle part wind strong from the S. E. Latter part wind light from the S. E. and rather foggy

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> This day spoke the Barque Tempest of N. London 480 bbls this season has been here a week but seen nothing Capt Dick came aboard here Middle part foggy Latter part a light Easterly wind about 11 o'clock raised a large Right whale ahead lowered for him but he went off to the windward so ends

Lat 57. 50

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Commences with a fresh breeze from the N. W. Saw a great many Finbacks about 4 o'clock saw a Right whale Middle part under short sail Latter part a very strong wind from the North under short sail but a new gill

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> This day blowing very strong from the N. E. saw a couple of Right whales It being too rough to strike The boats lowered down and tried to pull one but they started off to the windward Latter part spoke the French Whale Ship Desbaincourt of 1100 tons out 4 whales still blowing strong from the N. E.



Cruising off St Pauls island. Kaimoatua Sea.

Monday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> / 61

This day, blowing heavy, saw the island of St Pauls about  
miles off our lee beam set the Main sail and gill to abeam  
the barbed. Middle part more moderate latter part wind  
to the West made all sail saw several Finbacks

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> This day wind out to the N. E. Capt Clarke  
went off aboard the French ship Calaincourt she is  
a fine ship in the whaling service being about  
tons Middle part carrying all sail working to the  
ward Latter part a light wind the Frenchman  
and the Barque Triumphant are in sight so ends.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> This day wind light and some foggy  
about the fore Topmast staysail and bent it all for  
Mizzen staysail Middle part heading into the N. E. W.  
the part wind out the S. E. saw a great many Finbacks  
bent the fore staysail and stowed it below

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> This day nearly calm the Masts went  
on the Bomb a Fin Back got a good chance and fired  
the Bomb burst before it reached him at sundown  
stowed sail Latter part blowing strong from the E. N. E.  
Capt Clarke went aboard the Triumphant they have got a  
back in the blubber room that they shot yesterday  
a great many Finbacks in sight took in the Mizzen  
sail. He was off about 15 miles to the N and then  
offed two in the wind and Double reefed the Topsail

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> This day blowing a fresh gale from the East  
brought her down to a close reefed Main Topsail and  
fore staysail Middle part foggy and veering with a fresh  
le from the S. E. Latter part foggy but the gale  
moderated set whole Topsails, courses, gill and Spanish  
and is very baffling varying from E by S. to S. E. by  
S. a good many Finbacks I do not think the  
best whales are far from us if we can find them once  
the night get a whale yet before the season is up



Crucising in the Kamschatka sea

Saturday Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

This day a light wind from the E but foggy  
garmented with the Barque Tempest they were chasing  
a blight whale at the time we spoke him. Latter  
part saw the Barque's boat strike a whale. The Co  
saw him is also in sight. He raised a blight whale and  
worked, lowered for him but he went off to leeward.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> This day a fine wind from the S. to  
at 4 P.M. lowered for 3 blight whales. The Bow boat  
struck a larger one. He was for an hour and then  
pulled up so that we threw him wire warp from the  
Starboard boat. The Starboard boat fastened to the  
whale. Thompson fired a bomb at the whale and  
then exchanged with the Mate who sat in his boat  
with his gun. He fired all his bomb at him  
with but little effect. He then got his line  
fast and capsized the boat and the other boat  
then cut righted up the boat and fished up the  
craft. His own opinion that the 3<sup>rd</sup> mate would have  
killed the whale if the Mate had acted the part  
of a man. but aboard the ship is not the place  
for one to form my opinion. some future time  
will be more appropriate. If the Mate was half  
the man the 3<sup>rd</sup> mate is we should have made some  
more in than we have now. There has been good many  
whales seen to day. Latter part a thick fog and

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> This day lowered for a blight whale it  
was quite rough but the whale was lying quite still  
and we might have pulled on to the whale but the  
Mate pretended he was on his eye. He allowed that  
he could have struck the whale if he wished. Captain  
Roberts went aboard the Frenchman a little while since at  
two o'clock to leeward left off for there was the Bar  
of D. Thompson. the other was the Tempest who struck  
the whale they was fast too and had him brought in.  
Latter part foggy and squally wind out the S. to



Cruising in the L'Ansoncatta sea

Tuesday Sept 4 /60

This day a light wind from the S. E. at <sup>about</sup> ~~shortened~~ sail  
battered fast a light barterly wind and rainy, kept off  
the N and shook the masts out of the Topsails

Lat 58.30 Long 131.40 W

Wednesday - This day commenced blowing saw the  
first at anchor to her whale saw two other sails luffed  
the wind and Double reefed. the Topsails raised a  
boat whale to the leeward lowered for him but being  
rugged could get no where near him after the boat  
was aboard a Right whale came up alongside at 4 o'clock  
the Jib stay parted got a new one abt. Latter part more  
moderate got all sail on her Capt went aboard the  
D. Thompson and got 2 bbls of Probasces Saw the Tempest  
to the leeward cutting her whale lowered a boat and picked  
a cork that had been used as a buoy to her whale  
at sundown blowing a gale of wind under a double  
luffed Main Topsail and the Mizzen staysail  
other part

Thursday - This day blowing a gale of wind Capt  
went alongside of the Tempest but did not think  
prudent to go aboard it being so rough. At sundown  
more too under a close reefed Main Topsail and the  
Mizzen staysail Middle part blowing strong from the  
The Mizzen staysail Halcyon's parted. And before  
sail could be hauled down it blew to pieces Latter  
blowing heavy from the S. E. with frequent squalls  
Lat 59.12

Friday - 7<sup>th</sup> The wind moderated towards night and  
it calmed with a heavy swell on the starboard part  
of the quarter watches there is something I forgot to mention  
that is we sent down the Main sail and  
an old Hemp one. There is several sails in sight  
also several Timbuchs but no signs of Right whales  
have about made up my mind that we are  
going to get no Right whales. I never wish to throw  
any more time on such a miserable whale ground  
this has proved to be



Cruising in the Hamsathra sea

Saturday Sept 8 / 61

This day a fine wind from the S. S. E. showed the Hamsathra in down the Main Hobbs Middle part under short sail standing quarters watches latter part a strong wind from the South the sign of whale they have left for parts unknown

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> This day blowing strong show to under short sail under sail in night latter part nearly calm but some foggy made all sail & sails in night but no whale so ends Lat 58° 38' N

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> This day begins with a strong wind from the N. which is steadily on the increase At sundown show to under a close reefed Main Topsail and Maysail latter part blowing strong from the N. N. so ends

Tuesday 11 Wind strong from the N. S. W. Middle part short quarters watches latter part wind light from the S. N. made all sail made occasional signs of wind again and sail towards noon took in the Topsail and Fly jib so ends

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> This day saw 4 sail wind to the South Middle part short quarters watches as we are carrying all sail trying to get to the South latter part wind light. lowered for two Blight whales without

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> At 3 P.M. spoke Barge Emerald they have taking one Blight whale since we saw them last They have spoke vessels from the Arctic and report same as having done well The Barge Emerald of Mr. Bedford and a brig of Honolulu wintered in the Arctic and suffered extremely from the cold They had 10 or 12 men There is 3 sail in sight and plenty of Finbacks latter part nearly calm being down the Main and Mizzen Topsail to repair and sent other ones in their place so ends



Cruising in the Horns of the sea

Friday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> / 60

This day wind very light from the North steering  
the ship. The Middle part steering S. W. wind very light  
latter part a fine wind from the North several  
sails in sight so ends. Lat 58° 22' N

Saturday - 15<sup>th</sup> At 1 P.M. Capt went aboard the  
"Harp" report having heard favorable accounts  
from the Arctic fleet latter part a very light wind  
and rainy, several sails in sight. Lat 58° 23' N

Sunday - 16<sup>th</sup> This day headed into the East wind  
the South 4 sails in sight at sundown shortened  
latter part nearly calm made all sail. Then  
a Bergue in sight boiling which looks like the  
many several other sails in sight Capt struck 2  
or 3 to day and saved them so ends

Monday - 17<sup>th</sup> This day, calm Middle part had  
beautiful view of the Northern lights latter part  
fine whole sale breeze, water engaged in mending  
the old Topsail at 12 o'clock as I was leaning over the  
side I saw a right whale close to the ship I went  
him but he was going to quick so ends  
Lat 58° 15' N

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> At 2 P.M. Capt went aboard the Harp  
was boiling a large right whale that she got 2  
days ago At 4 P.M. sent down the fore Topsail &  
another one at sundown shortened and hauled  
back the main Topsail headed to the N. latter part  
light from the N. E. made all sail so ends

Wednesday - 19<sup>th</sup> This day spoke Bergue Unmolested wind  
the East headed to the S. W. 4 sails in sight  
at sundown shortened sail and stood quarters  
latter part made all sail with a fresh  
breeze from the E. N. E. saw a sail in sight no  
value of any kind. We have not much longer  
stop in this part of the world.



Crucising in the Lamsaattua sea

Saturday, Sept 20/60

This day a fresh breeze from the E. at nothing in sight. Middle part under short sail. Latter part a strong wind from the N.E. spoke ship America Capt. Bryant of N. Bedford from the Arctic & whales this season so ends  
Sat 54, 39

Friday - 21<sup>st</sup> This day blowing heavy from the North. Double reefed the Topsails and furled the courses parted company with the Americans who squared away for the Sandwich islands. At dark furled the Fore & Mizzen Topsail. Latter part still blowing heavy, exchanged signals with the "Bartholomew" Gravelick of N. Bedford who was steering to the S.E. with all sail set so ends  
Sat 54, 50

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> This day blowing strong saw 2 more sails steering to the S.E. Latter part more moderate spoke the Barge "Helen" Mers. Capt. Miller of N. Bedford from the Arctic too. Bbs this season supplied them with bread as they were out they are bound to the Sandwich islands ~~at 54, 51~~

Sunday - 23<sup>rd</sup> Saw the island of St. Pauls bearing E about 15 miles Dist. At 6 P.M. called all hands to make sail. Kept off N. by E. for the Sandwich islands and set the Fore Topmast Stunsails. Latter part wind light from the N.W. set the Fore & Main Topmast Stunsail also the lower Stunsail set the Fore & Main Breeze but a gibe for the Main Topmast Stay sail.  
Sat 55, 55

Monday - 24<sup>th</sup> Stowed away the cutting falls put the Boole and Hopper below & sail in sight. Middle part steering South. Latter part wind hauled ahead hauled in the Stunsails and furled the Breeze. The wind is about S.E. This is as bad to get a head wind just as we have started for port but then it will not last a great while. The Fox islands are in sight



# Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Tuesday - 25<sup>th</sup> / 60

This day, picked up a dead whale got him alongside  
he had 4 iron in him which by their marks must  
have belonged to the Ship Minerva of N. Bedford hooked on  
and then cut the dark shorted sail and stood quarters  
watches for the night This whale would have been a noble  
officer if we could have had him a week ago he is  
in a bad condition his bone having all dried out

Wednesday - 26<sup>th</sup> This day finished cutting the whale  
he will make us 80 bbls I think Latter part started  
the works wind strong from the S. E. and rains  
cleared up the decks and sent the water below

Thursday - 27<sup>th</sup> Employed in minding and boiling  
Middle part stood by, watches Latter part wind came  
fair made all sail and kept off for the Fox Islands  
2 sails in sight at 12 luffed too for a game so ended

Friday - 28<sup>th</sup> Capt went aboard the Barge Isabella  
Capt Swicker They have seen a great many, slight  
whales this season but have got nothing Mr. Swicker  
the Mate of her has gone to the Sandwich Islands  
in another vessel as he is quite sick At sundown  
spoke the Barge Massasoit of Matineet 2 seasons hence  
Middle part went through the straits Latter part  
blowing strong from the N. E. steering about S. E.

Saturday - 29<sup>th</sup> This day blowing heavy from the  
North took in the Stunsail and Mizen Middle  
part steering S. E. by S. made all sail Sat 49, 33 M

Sunday - 30<sup>th</sup> This day wind hauled ahead took  
in the Stunsail and Mizen Middle part took in  
the Topgallant and double reefed the Fore Topgallant Latter  
part wind more moderate from the South hauled  
into the S. E. but the Topgallant also shook the  
reefs out of the Fore Topgallant Sat 46, 48 N.



# Bound to the Sandwich islands

Monday Oct<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> /60

This day all sail out - close hauled heading about S. by E. latter part a strong wind from the S. by E. close hauled on the Starboard tack had several heavy squalls hauled the Topgallant sails and Fly jib

Tuesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> This day a fine wind from the North steering S. by E. with all sail set Middle part wind light from the West steering S. by E. latter part wind very baffling from the West steering to the S. by E. stowed down the oil to days Sat & 4.38 N

Wednesday - 3<sup>rd</sup> This day steering S. by E. Middle part light winds between the South & E. took in the Main sails Muzzles and braced up shrouds latter part a light wind from the S. by E. close hauled on the Starboard tack so ends

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> This day the winds about South hauled to the East Middle part wind freshening took in the Muzzles, Fore & Mizzen Top gallant sails latter part sent down the Fore and main Top gallant sails to repair Double reefed the Topsails and furlled the Mainsails so ends

Friday - 5<sup>th</sup> This day blowing strong from the South Watch employed in mending the Top gallant sail Saw a Barge at sundown furlled the Fore & Mizzen Top sail latter part the wind suddenly shifted to the N. W. kept off S. by E. and made all sail

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> This day employed in pumping ship Middle part the wind hauled into the S. by E. took in the Top gallant sail latter part rained Double reefed the Topsails heading about S. by E. wind on the increase so ends



# Bound to the Sandwich islands

Sunday Oct-7<sup>th</sup> 60

This day fueled the Coarces and Five & Mizzens Topsails Middle part blowing a fresh gale from the S. S. W. at 12 o'clock the wind shifted into the N. N. W. Rept off S. S. E. and set whole Topsails Coarces and Jib Latter part set the Five Topmast Stunsail

Lat-40. 39 N

Monday - 8<sup>th</sup> Blowing strong from the N. N. W. set the Top galstunsail and Main Royal Middle part blowing strong from the West with heavy squalls Latter part blowing strong from the N. steering S. by E. watch employed in fitting the fore and Main Royal Backstays they having parted

Lat-33. 15 N

Tuesday - 9<sup>th</sup> This day steering S. by E. with all sail out at sundown the wind hauling ahead took in the light sail Middle part hove too under a close reefed Main Topsail and May sail blowing a heavy gale from the S. W. Latter part blowing a perfect squall from the N. W. Rept her off S. E. by South under a close reefed fore & Main Topsail and Stunsail

Lat-35. 01

Wednesday - 10<sup>th</sup> This day blowing a strong gale from the N. steering S. S. E. with a very heavy sea rising Middle part shook one reef out of the Topsails Latter part made all sail to a lower Stunsail Watch boy to work in the rigging

Lat-31. 40 N

Thursday - 11<sup>th</sup> This day the wind is about N. by E. but I think they are the trades we are steering South a ship in sight off the West beam watch boy in the rigging Latter part a fine N. E. wind steering S. by N. watch employed in fitting the rigging. Put out a new lower Stunsail and Rept it as the old was is torn. There is a sail still in sight on the West beam steering about the same as ourselves

Lat 22. 30



# Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Friday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1860

This day blowing a fine trade wind steering South Middle part wind is quite baffling latter part a fine N.E. wind steering about S. S. W. water busy in the rigging. so ends Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 35m

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> This day a beautiful N.E. trade steering about S. S. W. Middle part still the same beautiful breeze latter part steering S. S. W. with a fine trade wind. all hands on deck busily engaged in working ship inside. so ends Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 40

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> This is a beautiful sunshiny with a strong trade wind a blowing and are bowling off about 8 knots latter part at daylight raised the island of Mookia got our water up and by 11 AM had a pilot aboard from Honolulu, she shall not get in this forenoon as there is several vessels waiting for the steam tug who were here before us

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> About 2 o'clock took the tug and came to anchor in the Harbor of Honolulu there is about 15 whalers in. May Brothers Williams came aboard to see me latter part all hands employed in working ship outside so ends

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> This day moved ship with our best bows and then twisted our spinnit on deck. Four Whalers arrived today 2 are anchored outside the reef so ends

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> This day employed in painting ship outside 3 arrivals today. Got a letter this day from the Post Office it was from my friend Henry Stanley. Here from my own people as yet. Went ashore this evening for a little recreation so ends



At anchor in the Harbor of Honolulu  
Thursday Oct 14/60

This day very pleasant Employed in coopersing  
the oil sent it aboard the Whale ship St George  
of N. Bedford who carries it home for us No arrival  
to day

Friday - 19<sup>th</sup> This day pleasant stowed off our  
empty fresh water casks in the lower hold free  
space by filling them as she was transferred to  
day completing the arrival of two Whalers

Saturday - 20<sup>th</sup> This day one Watch ashore on liberty  
the others aboard doing nothing. 8 Whalers have  
arrived to day

Sunday - 21<sup>st</sup> This day all hands attend Sabbath  
divine service twice to day at the Church

Monday - 22<sup>nd</sup> This day Watch ashore on liberty  
I arrived from Cabin boy (William son of N. Harris)  
has been away I think he is aboard the Wm C. Lee  
which sails to day Freshwater boat came along side

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> This day Watch ashore on liberty  
Got off Potatoes and some bread blowing very strong  
outside had several squalls of rain

Wednesday - 24<sup>th</sup> This day one arrival are getting  
ready to remove ship one watch ashore on liberty  
Two ships saying off and on so ends.

Thursday - 25<sup>th</sup> This day employed in sawing ship  
one watch ashore on liberty The ship Weather sailed  
to day so ends.

Friday - 26<sup>th</sup> This day took off the Potatoes and  
picked up what dead rats could be found in the  
hold got off some wood. No liberty to day. I arrived  
to day. Have shipped a man by the name of Benjamin  
for 4 months so ends



At anchor in the Harbor of Honolulu  
Saturday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> /60

This day very pleasant & much enjoyed to day. The  
Barge Canoe sailed for San Francisco. The carrier  
the Mail. No liberty to day. all hands aboard  
doing nothing else thing I nearly forgot to mention  
I went to Capt Clark a few days ago for my  
discharge he was loth to let me go and to  
satisfy me he gave me the 35 day. I wished to  
have it put on the articles but he said that  
would amount to nothing unless he shipped me  
over which would be an unnecessary expense so I have  
left it to his honor as a man to fulfill his promise

Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> This day all hands went ashore &  
attended service in the Church during the forenoon  
and also again in the Evening. It has been blowing  
very strong all day so ends

Monday - 25<sup>th</sup> This day took our Mornings here over  
anchors to the Bow and went to sea. My Brother  
came aboard to bid me farewell. Luffed to outside  
and discharged the Pilot (Capt James) so ends

Tuesday - 26<sup>th</sup> Middle part double reefed the Fore  
and Mizzen Topsails. Latter part stood in towards  
the reef and set a boat astern for the Capt

Wednesday - 27<sup>th</sup> The boat came off without the  
Capt but brought 8 men that he had shipped  
towards the Hebles below. Latter part the boat  
went in shore so ends

Thursday - 28<sup>th</sup> This day Capt Clark came  
off with wife and child. Kept the ship off  
to the West in order to get clear of the island  
and hauling up gradually as we drew by the  
island Middle part had her close by the wind  
sawed to the N. N. W. Latter part blowing strong  
trades wind under double reefed Fore and Mizzen  
Topsails heading to the N. N. W.



# Bound to the coast of California

Friday, Oct 2nd /60

This day blowing strong from the East steering N. by W. Middle part double reefed the Main Topsail and furlled the Mizzen latter part more moderate weather employed in filling casks in the lower hold with salt water to trim ship so ends.

Saturday - 3<sup>rd</sup> This day blowing a strong wind from the East steering N. by W. Set the Mizzen Topsail latter part shook the reef out of the Topsail and set the Main Topgallant so ends. Set 25, 24 N

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> This day blowing a fine Easterly wind steering by the wind into the North Watch employed in making spungers latter part weather quite moderate latter part wind hauled into the South Set the Stunsail steering N. by E. Set 28, 29 N

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Commenced with strong winds from the South steering N. E. by N. Latter part took the Bow boat in on deck to repair Watch employed in painting the Waist boat also set up the Main Topmast Backstay steering N. E. by E. Set 30, 17 N

Tuesday - 6<sup>th</sup> This day carpenter to work on the Bow boat Watch employed in setting up the Fore Topmast Backstay latter part took the Starboard boat in on deck and furlled the Bow boat on its cranes steering to the N. E. wind South Set up the Fore Topmast Rigging so ends

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> This day a fine wind from the South steering to the N. E. Middle part wind hauled ahead took in all the light sails latter part the wind hauled aft set the Stunsails steering N. E. put the Starboard boat on its cranes and took in the Starboard boat Brought out fresh water Set the Voyals so ends



Bound to the coast of California

Thursday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> /60

This day a beautiful wind steering into the N.E. with all sail out Middle part the wind hauled ahead and died away took in the stunsails latter part wind light from the S.E. steering into the N.E. Watch to work in the Rigging & so ends

Friday - 9<sup>th</sup> This day commences with a light wind from the S.W. steering to the N.E. set the stunsails Middle part light winds and calms latter part wind light from the N. S.W. set the lower stunsail steering N.E. by E & so ends

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> This day wind light from the West steering to the N.E. Middle part wind hauled in to the North and steadily increasing took in the light sails latter part wind out the N.W. and blowing strong bent down the fore top glist sail to repair are steering to the N.E.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Are close hauled with a strong wind from the N.N.E. Middle part set the top glist sails & fly jib latter part wind light from the N.N.E. steering by the wind. Caught a Dolphin about 3 feet in length so ends. Lat 31.52 N

Monday - 12<sup>th</sup> Wind dead ahead and very light at that Middle part got a fair wind from the South made all sail. Bent the fore top glist sail are steering N.E. by E. latter part a beautiful wind from the S.W. steering E.N.E.

Tuesday - 13<sup>th</sup> Commences with a fine S.W. breeze steering E.N.E. Middle part wind increasing had several heavy took in all the light sails Doubled reefed the fore topsail and parted the mainsail and Mizen topsail latter part more moderate made all sail steering E.N.E.

Lat 33-23<sup>m</sup>



Bound to the coast of California

Wednesday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> / 60

This day wind light from the S. W. steering N. E. by N. Middle part wind working into the Eastward took in the light sails and backed up the yards latter part got out fresh water, steering by the wind into the N. E.

Thursday - 15<sup>th</sup> Strong breeze from the S. E. close hauled on the Starboard tack Middle part strong wind & squalls double reefed the Topsails latter part made all sail steering about E. N. E. close hauled

Sat 34-44 N

Friday - 15<sup>th</sup> This day wind is out to the S. E. blowing strong with squalls of rain double reefed the Fore & Main and furled the Mizzen Topsails Middle part wind lightened shook out the reefs and set the Topgallant sails latter part wind ahead steering into the South

Sat 35-53

Saturday - 16<sup>th</sup> This day wind from the S. E. close hauled Middle part wind light but still ahead latter part is merely a repetition of the preceding parts. Head wind and likely to be

Sat 35-47 N

Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup> light baffling winds varying from South to E Middle part steering into the N. E. with the Starboard tacks ahead latter part about the same their being no alteration in the wind. Sat 35-41

Monday - 18<sup>th</sup> This day calm and light winds from all parts of the compass Middle part came up to East but did not stop there long now backing her off again latter part steering to the East Employed in making new Boat sails for the Starboard and Main boat I think the old ones are good enough but the old men think not The Starboard and Main boats are going to carry Sperm. Bars for shooting iron will I hope they will consent to something besides mere plaything.

Sat 35-57 N



Bound to the coast of California

Tuesday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> /60

This day a light wind from the South steering East Middle part wind to the West set the Foresail Latter part took our Potatoes on deck and picked them over as they were commencing to rot so ends

Lat 35-43

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Wind light from the S. S. steering E. by N. Latter part wind out to the N. W steering to the E. Watch finished picking over the Potatoes

Thursday - 22<sup>nd</sup> This day wind light from the N. W Middle part wind light steering East Latter part got a fine breeze from the N. N. W steering E. by S. Sent down the Foresail to mend and bent another one.

Lat 34.43 N

Long 133.07 W

Friday - 23<sup>rd</sup> This day begins with a good wind from the N. W steering East Watch engaged in mending the Foresail Middle part turned hauled into the N. N. E took in the Stunsails and hoisted up the yards Latter part wind out the N. N. so ends.

Saturday - 24<sup>th</sup> This day wind out to the N. N. E set the Topsails Watch employed in mending the Foresail Middle part wind light steering by the wind into the E. Latter part wind quite moderate so ends.

Sunday - 25<sup>th</sup> This day commences with a very light wind from the N. E having the barbed tacks aboard Middle part a fine wind from the N steering into the E. Latter part wind shifted into the N. W and commenced to increase steadily heading into the N. N. E Double reefed the Fore Topsail so ends

Lat 33.72



# Bound to the coast of California

Monday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

This day a strong wind from the N. W. steering about N. N. E. Middle part strong winds. Double reefed the Main Topsail and furlled the Mizzen Topsail. Latter part quite moderate steering N. N. E. Shook the reefs out of the Topsail so ends

Tuesday - 27<sup>th</sup> This day made all sail steering E. N. E. Watch engaged in ship's duty. Middle part light winds and calms at the Main'sails latter part steering E. by N. with a light N. W. wind

Wednesday - 28<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a light N. W. breeze steering E. by N. Middle part a fine wind from the N. W. steering E. by S. Latter part a strong W. by S. wind. steering E. saw a group of islands bearing S. E. about 20 miles distant - so ends

Thursday - 29<sup>th</sup> Saw lots of Vasa's backs At 4 P. M. passed the island of St. Clementine which is 40 or 50 miles from the East Middle part raised the Main land bearing E. N. E. At 3 A. M. raised a light house which proved to be at the mouth of the Harbor of the town of San Diego. Latter part Capt Leberk manned his boat and went ashore

Lat 33.04 N

Friday - 30<sup>th</sup> This day ship lying off and on at 4 P. M. Capt came aboard bringing the latest news from home. Richardson who is appointed President. Capt Leberk has concluded to go into this place and stop a short time. Middle part standing off and on with a light air. Latter part a calm 2 boats in ashore as fishing but with few sweeps so ends.

Saturday - Dec 1<sup>st</sup> At sundown saw a Steamer bound to San Mateo. Middle light winds from the S. W. Latter part came to anchor in the mouth of San Diego Harbor with our Barge in 20 fathoms water. Light house bearing N. N. E. about 8 miles distant







At anchor in the Harbor of San-Diego  
Sunday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> /60

This day bent our cables and got the Starboard anchor off the bows Middle spent lying to our Sledge at 10 A.M. got underway with a light wind

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> A light wind stood up the harbor and <sup>came</sup> too with our Starboard anchor in 5<sup>th</sup> fathoms of <sup>water</sup> nearly abreast of the light cleaned up the decks latter part foggy but cleared up about noon

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> This day all hands are engaged in getting ready for the whaling season such was getting aloft cutting gear and stages over the side at times set the watch so ends

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> This day but little wind saw a Devil Fish bowed to the South no work going on but all hands are waiting impatiently for the whaling to commence so ends

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> A light wind nothing doing till the flood tide when we stripped our anchor and drifted further up the Harbor and then dropped it in about 10 fathoms water so ends

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> This day light winds and pleasant weather all hands employed as best suits themselves some a fishing some a gunning and the wire ones a sleeping

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> This day rained very hard about 2 hours when the wind shifted to the West and cleared up beautifully Got our Port anchor off the Bow already for use. so ends

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Pleasant weather kept gathering provisions to a part of crew to take a variable alarm I took a gun and went off a hunting I missed till I was tired getting for my trouble a Rabbit and couple of ducks At sundown we found 2 of our men were missing having taken french leave. so ends



At anchor in the harbor of San Diego  
Monday - 10<sup>th</sup>

Capt. Ashme in search of the runaways but his search will be of little avail as he heard that they had started into the country. They will probably get employment in the gold mines as there is several of them in operations a short distance ~~distance~~ in the country so ends

Tuesday - 11<sup>th</sup> This day blowing a heavy gale from the S. E. The Steamer Senator - Capt. Reely, arrived from San Francisco bringing the United States Mails from the East Hatch employed in stowing the hold

Wednesday - 12<sup>th</sup> This morning the Steamer Senator left for San Francisco. In the afternoon the United States coast surveying Steamer Thubrick arrived bringing oil for the Government light got a spare boat over the side

Thursday - 13<sup>th</sup> Blowing a strong puff blowing the morning sent 4 boats outside whaling saw but 2 during the day. Capt. met with an accident which ~~might~~ might have terminated more seriously. He had a rifle explode in his hands the pieces flew in all directions but fortunately no person was hurt

Friday - 14<sup>th</sup> Sent 4 boats a whaling. There is two company's ashore who are employed in whaling. They use the bomb gun entirely, never fastening to a whale before shooting him. One party has a blimp which they use in towing their whales to the beach

Saturday - 15<sup>th</sup> This day sent the boats to the Sloop saw but few whales one of the shore party Bombed 2 whales and got them both. At sundown we went aboard.

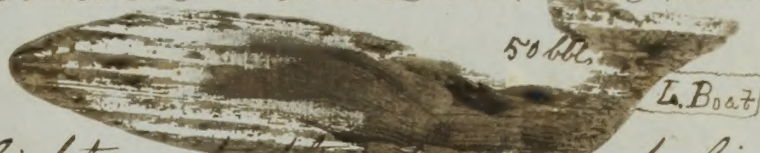
Sunday - 16<sup>th</sup> The boats were on the Sloop during the day saw but few whales. The Steamer Thubrick left for San Francisco so ends



Whaling in the harbor of San Diego  
Monday, Dec<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>

This day sent the boats a whaling the Starboard and Bow Boats started at whales but without effect. The Filson party ashore got a whale yesterday.

Tuesday - 17<sup>th</sup> Sent the boats a whaling, the Filson party got a <sup>whale</sup> The Mate bombed a whale but did not hurt him much. so ends.



Wednesday - 18<sup>th</sup> At daylight sent the boats a whaling. The Mate bombed a whale and when he came up we struck him & boats towed him to the ship whilst he went back on the help. When we went aboard the whale was cut in so ends.

Thursday - 20<sup>th</sup> This day sent 3 boats a whaling whilst the rest of them were engaged in boiling. Looked down at sundown have seen but few whales to day.

Friday - 21<sup>st</sup> This day 4 boats went a whaling ship keeps employed in boiling. The whale made about 50 bbls but few whales seen to day.

Saturday - 22<sup>nd</sup> This day commences with a fine wind from the N.W. The Starboard boat fired at a whale with one of Green's shooting irons but did not fasten. Capt. Clark has borrowed a small White Hall boat from a Gentleman ashore and intends to go on the Help shooting himself some day. But I do not think he will do much. so ends.

Sunday - 23<sup>rd</sup> At daylight the boats went off a whaling saw but few whales. About 3 P.M. commenced raining heavily so that we went aboard. so ends.

Monday - 24<sup>th</sup> The boats went off whaling. The Bow boat hit a whale with a Green's gun but the iron broke. The Filson party bombed a whale but did not get him. At sundown went aboard. so ends.



Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> / 60

This day sent 4 boats off a whaling. The How boat fired twice at whales but without effect. I hope our folks at home will enjoy themselves to day, and in my heart I wish them all a merry, merry, Christmas

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sent the boats off whaling. At 11 am the sea getting ruffled and blowing heavy from the S. E. We went aboard. This morning the steamer Brother Jonathan arrived from San Francisco bringing the Mail she takes the place of the Seawater who was sent off repairs so ended.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> This day went off a whaling. The How boat fired 2 bombs at whales but without success during the afternoon the Mate Bombed a whale struck and sunk him. We put an anchor to him and went aboard. The Brother Jonathan left to day.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Boats off a whaling. The Mate fired a Bomb at a whale but without success. At dark hooked on to the whale that we sunk yesterday. But not firing enough for the ship the tide swept us by and we were obliged to anchor him and go aboard.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sent 3 boats a whaling. Left debarke with a boat's crew got the whale alongside during the night. The Mate bombed a whale and he went off spouting blood. Mr Dart bombed a whale but without effect. When we got aboard the whale cut in.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> This day boats off a whaling. One of the Gilton party struck a whale or I should have said bombed one. One of the mate struck him and whilst he was off Mr Burnham bombed and killed a whale and anchored him. Mr Strickland shot a whale and anchored him. So that the Mate turned two boats hooked on to the whales and got them alongside.



# Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Monday Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

Two boats went a whaling soon after we got out Mr Dent struck a whale. we got our warps to the boat and he got my <sup>into</sup> the whale. We hauled on and hauled him but our warps were down. after a long chase we got fast again and soon turned up the whale got a head tide and anchored him at starboard. The ship then engaged in cutting

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Tuesday Jan 1<sup>st</sup> /61

This day sent two boats a whaling the others were engaged in cutting and boiling. The Mate bombed a whale and he spouted blood but he unfortunately made his escape at sundown we went aboard. Were obliged to boil all night having some much blubber on board so ends

Wednesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sent two boats a whaling. Mr Dent bombed a whale and sunk a whale. He also bombed a whale but did not hurt him much. The boat started at a whale but was

Thursday - 3<sup>rd</sup> This day sent 4 boats a whaling early in the morning. The Mate bombed a whale got fast to him slightly but the iron came out about 6 miles of shore but could not catch him. The bomb probably struck his shoulder blade & turned him. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate fastened to a whale and got him

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> This day all 4 boats a whaling. Towed in the whale that was sunk on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Mate bombed a whale but without effect

Saturday - 5<sup>th</sup> This day blowing a gale from the S. E. All hands aboard employed in boiling and stowing down. There is great many whales going South and we shall lose one of the best days on account of this heavy gale. We got most of the oil down before night. so ends



# Whaling in the harbor of San Diego

Sunday - Jan 6<sup>th</sup> / 61

This day sent 4 boats a whaling. The Bow Boat fastened to a whale but he ran into the help and the iron cut out the W.B. boat also struck a whale and took his line by running through the help.

Monday - This day 4 boats a whaling. The Mate bombarded a whale but it exploded before reaching the whale. Soon after, the 4 boats got fast to a whale. He ran to the windward about 4 miles and was cut.

Tuesday - 8<sup>th</sup> This day 4 boats off whaling. The Mate bombarded a whale but without effect came aboard at sunset.

Wednesday - 9<sup>th</sup> This day 4 boats a whaling. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate bombarded a whale and saved him and the 1<sup>st</sup> Mate also bombarded and saved a whale. Both alongside before sunset. no ends.

Thursday - 10<sup>th</sup> sent two boats a whaling. In the afternoon the Mate shot a whale and he sunk instantaneously. At sunset went aboard.

Friday - 11<sup>th</sup> This day blowing and raining from the S.E. till 10 A.M. when the wind shifted to the West and cleared off. Boats went out. The Mail Steamer Brother Jonathan left early arrived from San Francisco.

Saturday - 12<sup>th</sup> This day the whale that was killed on the 10<sup>th</sup> came up and at sunset hooked on 4 boats and towed him to the ship. The Steamer Brother Jonathan departed for San Francisco and intermediate ports. A whale was bombarded by the Mate but did not hurt him much.



# Whaling in the harbor of San Diego

Sunday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> /61

This day quite pleasant kept a boat aboard to cut the whale  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Mate bombed a whale but the Monster escaped without  
any great injury so ends.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Weather pleasant The Mate bombed a whale  
and killed him. He fastened to him but he sunk and  
attempting to haul him up the iron drew and he was  
left on the bottom without any tally to him but I hope  
we shall save him.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Mate bombed a whale. He started to south and came within  
shot of one of the shore party's boat (Mr Green) who fired a bomb into him and  
stopped him. Hooked on and towed him to the ship.

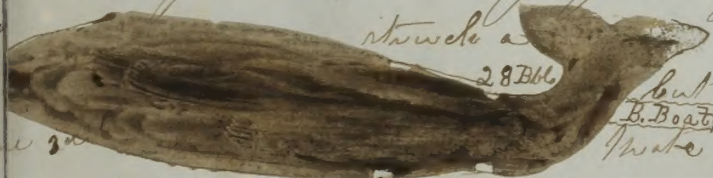


Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> This day calm and pleasant. At 11 P.M. when  
blew strong from the N.W. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate fastened to a  
whale but the iron drew went aboard at sunset.

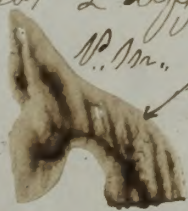


Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> This day blowing a gale from the N.W.  
all hands aboard the ship. Engaged in stowing down oil.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> This day quite pleasant at 2 P.M. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate  
struck a whale. He started off a rapid pace  
but the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate managed to get fast  
hooked up on the whale's flukes to  
haul him when he passed them into the boat cutting it down to  
the water's edge and striking his legs bruising them severely. He  
got off and managed to get to the ship without assistance. The 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mate went on, struck, and killed the whale. Hooked on and towed  
him inside the harbor and anchored him it being head tide. so ends.



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> This day 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Mates went outside and when the  
tide served the Capt got the whale alongside and took his  
harpoon off. The Mate shot 2 different whales but was unsuccessful  
in saving either. About 4 P.M. the Whist boat fastened to  
a whale but the iron drew it was a long chance  
to save the boat of it.



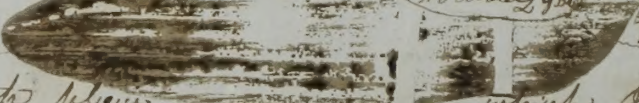


# Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Saturday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> / 61

This day the 4<sup>th</sup> Mate bombed a whale but without effect  
The Mate also shot at a whale but the bomb went over him  
about 3 P.M. a whale coming quite handy to the 4<sup>th</sup> Mate he  
thought that there would be an opportunity of fastening with  
an iron. so he passed his gun to the Bow Caversmen and the  
moment the whale broke water off went the gun whether by  
accident or designedly, I could never rightly ascertain but suffi-  
cient to say the bomb went into a thousand pieces the instant  
it left the gun. I hope the 4<sup>th</sup> Mate will learn not to  
pass his gun around the boat so careles again

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> This day 4 boats went a whaling Capt Clark taking  
the place of Mr Stuck who is laid up with the bruises he received from  
the last whale. During the afternoon the Mate bombed a whale which  
was a very long chase. After stopping down a considerable <sup>time</sup> he  
came up spouting thick blood. He immediately pulled in  
and struck killed and

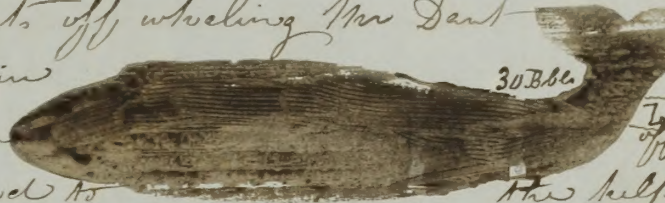
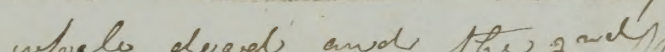
After getting the whale  towards 9 P.M. him to the  
an unpleasant affair took place which I take it to be  
my duty to note down for the benefit of parties concerned. It appears  
that the Cooper and Carpenter had been ashore and imbibed little  
to freely of that stuff desecrated Whiskey and on returning the  
boats the Carpenter had an altercation with Mr Benjamin the  
4<sup>th</sup> Mate, upon which the latter assaulted the former and used to  
him language too filthy to issue from any person's lips who makes  
any pretension to being a Gentleman. Some of the crew parted them  
but after supper the Cooper and Carpenter went on the quarter  
deck to speak to the Mate he tried to drive them off but  
they insisted upon speaking to him when without the least pro-  
vocation Mr Buchanan raised a Handspike and felled the Cooper to  
the deck bruising the side of his considerably. As the crew gathered  
commenced. aft the Captain gave the orders to "shoot the first that  
did not leave the quarter deck but that did not leave the  
tendercy to intoxicate any one. for such foolish threats have but  
a little effect on sensible people. The Captain had a boat swarmed &  
put the Carpenter & Cooper ashore till morning hoping that they  
would get sober One of the boats even by the name of King  
stopped also with them

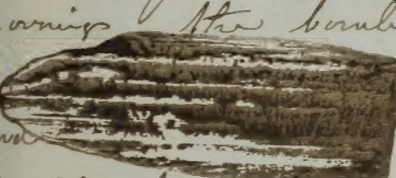
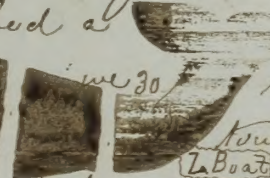

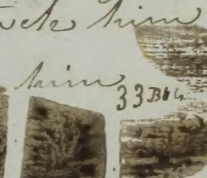
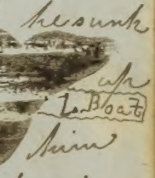
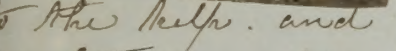


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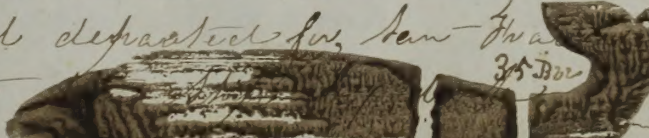

Monday Jan 21/61

This day sent two boats a whaling the Mate shot a whale but did not injure him much. In the afternoon got to be so rugged that we were obliged to give up whaling for the day. The Capt wished the Cooper and Carpenter to come aboard but they refused so the only alternative is, for him to discharge them. The man "Hing" wishes to return to his duty but the "old man" would not receive him so suppose that he can ~~suppose~~ consider himself as clear from the ship. He was a coiner and the ship owed him nothing.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> This day 3 boats off whaling the Sant shot a whale and never see him again.  The Mate bombarded a whale. We chased him  and gave him up. We returned to the help when and behold there lay our whale dead and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate alongside of him. We towed him to the ship and had him at before sunset. The Cooper & Carpenter were discharged to day.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> This day sent 3 boats a whaling. Early in the morning the bombarded a  whale and struck him heavily.  we  hauled him  up  to the help. and put an anchor to him.  In the afternoon the Mate bombarded another. We chased him off here and fastened just as he was going in his fluky. Double boats on to the best whale and towed him to the ship and at him by dark so ends.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> This day brought in the other whale and leave away his head but let the body be till tomorrow.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> This day 2 boats went a whaling. At 12 o'clock the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate came out and almost immediately fastened to a whale who started off with him we pulled after them about 2 hours and concluded that he had give up the idea of killing him. but the Boatster went to the head of the boat and killed the whale. The Steamer Senator arrived from, and departed for San Francisco. Had the whale to  

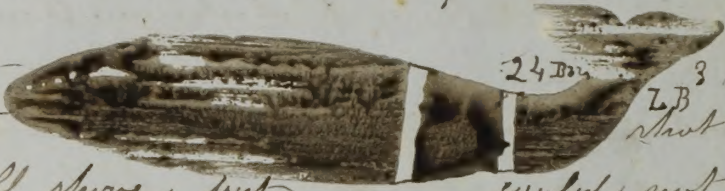


# Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Saturday Jan 26/61

This day 2 boats off. During the forenoon the Mate bombed 2 whales without effect and about night shot another who started off shore. We chased and fastened to him killed and towed him to the help and anchored him.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> sent 2 boats off to day. The Mate



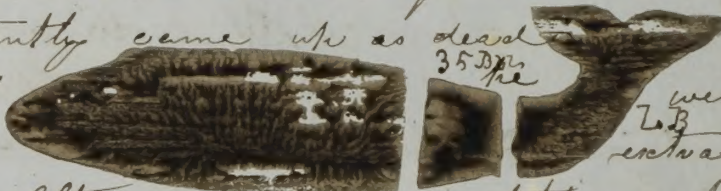
24 Bbs

LB

3 boats off shot a whale

We chased him off shore but could not catch him. About 3 P.M. we hooked on to our whale and towed him till the tide turned and anchored again.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> sent 2 boats a whaling whilst the others took in the whale to the ship. The Mate bombed a whale he instantly came up as dead to him. When off he went as if endowed with extraordinary facility for travelling. After a while we stopped him hooked on and towed him to the ship.

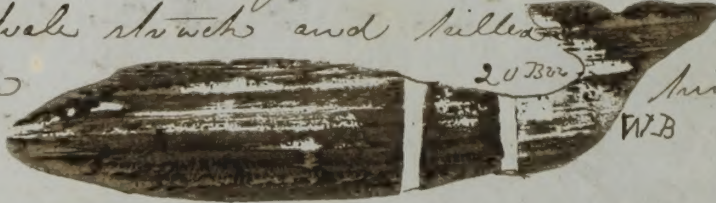


35 Bbs

LB

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> This day shipkeepers engaged in cutting and building. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate went out on the help to day for the first time since he was injured. As it got to be rough the boats returned.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> This day 4 boats a whaling. The Don't Bombed a whale struck and killed him. Hooked on and towed him inside the harbor.



20 Bbs

WB

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> This day sent two boats a whaling whilst the others got the whale alongside and cut him in. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate shot a whale and never him again. The whales are about done running down.

750 Bbs.



# Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 1846

This day 3 boats a whaling in the afternoon the Mate  
shot a whale but did not hurt him seriously. Saw but few  
whales to day. Employed aboard in stowing down

Saturday - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sent 4 boats a whaling the Mate bombed  
a whale but did not hurt him. Saw but 4 whales all  
day. Employed aboard in boiling

Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> This day sent two boats a whaling as that  
is sufficient - there being so few whales passing. Turned  
in and painted the Starboard and Starboard boats

Monday - 4<sup>th</sup> This day sent Bow and Waist boat off  
They saw 3 whales during the day bound North

Tuesday - 5<sup>th</sup> This day sent the Starboard and Starboard  
boats off the other two staying aboard to paint saw  
at a couple of whales during the day

Wednesday - 6<sup>th</sup> This day blowing fresh from the N.W. W.  
sent two boats into the harbor. The steamer Senator arrived  
from San Francisco and brings sad news from the Atlantic  
states up to Jan 14<sup>th</sup> to the effect that they are on the verge  
of a civil war. The South wishes to form a confederacy  
of their own, distinct from the North but President Buchanan  
resolved to protect the Union, let what will come and will  
probably send an armed force to quell the disturbance. That  
blood will be shed, there is no doubt but I hope all grievances  
will be rectified without a resort to arms. The next  
mails will, quite likely, bring more particulars. It is caused  
by the Nigger question which has been the chief subject  
of conversation and debate in the senate for the last 10  
years. There is a few Nigger loving fanatics at the North  
who have <sup>been</sup> the cause of the present trouble. So long as men  
like Henry Ward Beecher are suffered to preach and rant  
Niggerism from the Pulpit. so long will the country be a  
scene of anarchy. They wish (the Abolitionists) to free the Niggers  
but the Southern Planter does not wish his property  
separated from him. Who will compensate him for the loss. Nobody  
can let the Niggers be as they are.



# Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Thursday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> /61

This day sent two boats a whaling saw several whales going to the North. We are thirty months from home this day but I can scarcely realize the fact. It's but a few years from the cradle to the grave provided we live the time generally allotted to man.. but how many of us fall short of that length

Friday - 8<sup>th</sup> This day blowing a gale from the S.E. The schooner "Reindeer" of San-Francisco arrived from the South. She carried down a load of Potatoes to sell to the Whalers the reports the ships as having done rather poorly. The most whales having been taken by any one ship being 9 and there is several that have got nothing

Saturday - 9<sup>th</sup> Sent two boats a whaling but were obliged to come back it being so rough. Mrs Clark has had a number of visitors (Ladies and Gentlemen) from town Mrs. Burnham rigged up and went to town. There was some horse faces amongst the other Officers.. and considerable backbiting withal. I was very glad to see the Mate go up the town and enjoy himself.

Sunday - 10<sup>th</sup> This day sent the boats outside but there was still a heavy sea, and were obliged to come in. I took a gun during the afternoon and went a hunting but got nothing with the exception of two Ducks.

Monday - 11<sup>th</sup> This day two boats went out to the help. saw a few whales going to the North so ends

Tuesday - 12<sup>th</sup> This day four boats went out. The 4<sup>th</sup> Mate fired a Bomb at a whale - the recoil of the Gun knocked him overboard giving him a pleasant "salt water bath" saw the whale again apparently unhurt.. about 10 A.M. it commenced raining so that we had the choice of staying on the help and getting a wet ride or to leave and find shelter. We chose the latter alternative it was stormy the rest of the day and cleared up as the sun disappeared at night. so ends



# Whaling in the harbor of San Diego

Wednesday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> /61

Today sent 4 boats to the help

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Found inside the harbor. During the night whale came into the harbor and died as he was floating down with the tide Capt Clarke espied him on the ship and went and took possession. At sundown the tide moved so that we were able to get both whales to the ship

Thursday - 14<sup>th</sup> This day kept 4 boats aboard to help cut the 4<sup>th</sup> whale and the bomb went more than 50

yards over his back. I think he must have shut both eyes

the Mate bomb a whale and we saved him. Anchored him the help and towed him aboard at sundown

Friday - 15<sup>th</sup> This day 3 boats in the help. I have got the last whale taken noticed in yesterday's day work he was taken on the 15<sup>th</sup> The mistake was by my keeping my diary on a bit of paper and then transferring it to the book this is my birth day. I am in hopes when another one comes around I shall be thinking about going home to see my friends.

Saturday - 16<sup>th</sup> This day sent 3 boats whaling whilst the remainder of the crew were employed in cutting the whale. There was quite a number of whales went north to day but no opportunity of shooting.

Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup> This day sent 4 boats to the help. The 4<sup>th</sup> Mate bomb a whale during the day, but I think he sunk one of them. The Mate bomb a whale but the bomb exploded before reaching him. This evening Tripp (a boatman) and myself and a friend ashore, went up to the soldiers barracks and kept till midnight. We got permission from Capt Clarke to go ashore we extended our liberty at pleasure. We enjoyed ourselves very pleasantly and returned well satisfied with our visit. There is about 80 soldiers stopping here. The barracks are built at a place called Mission, and think look very pleasant around the place and reminds one of home



Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego  
Monday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> /61

This day sent 4 boats on the hulk saw a few whales going North.  
One of the three parties boats got stove by a whale and several of  
the crew were more or less injured, but none seriously. I forgot  
to mention a circumstance that happened last night which  
I will now insert. It was Saturday night that we were up  
to the Barracks instead of Sunday as I mentioned in yester-  
days day's work. A certain Officer on the ship knowing of our  
going up to Newton reported it to the Capt. When he  
asked us with regard to our visit we immediately told him  
frankly that he was right in his conjectures. and I asked  
him from what source he derived his information. He  
said that he received a letter from Major Armsby the  
Commanding Officer at the Barracks stating that two of the  
ship's company had been prowling around Newton so  
he set soldiers to watch them till they returned to  
the ship. Now I know the whole story to be a falsehood  
and I shall immediately write to Newton and ascertain  
the truth of it.

Tuesday - 19<sup>th</sup> This day is quite foggy sent 4 boats to the  
hulk just before dark saw a dead whale. It was in all  
probability one that 30 Biss New Benjamin shot  
on Sunday and towed the whale to the ship

Wednesday - 20<sup>th</sup> This day sent 3 boats on the hulk the  
Mate shot a whale and I think he sunk him. There  
aboard the ship employed in cutting the whale. The  
steamer Sewater arrived from San Francisco and de-  
parted at sundown. To night I received a letter from  
Newton in answer to one I sent and was informed  
that Capt Clark's statement in regard to the soldiers  
watching the other evening is false and that it is a  
falsehood of Capt Clark's Manufacture. He had better be  
more careful with his tongue or it may bring him  
into trouble.

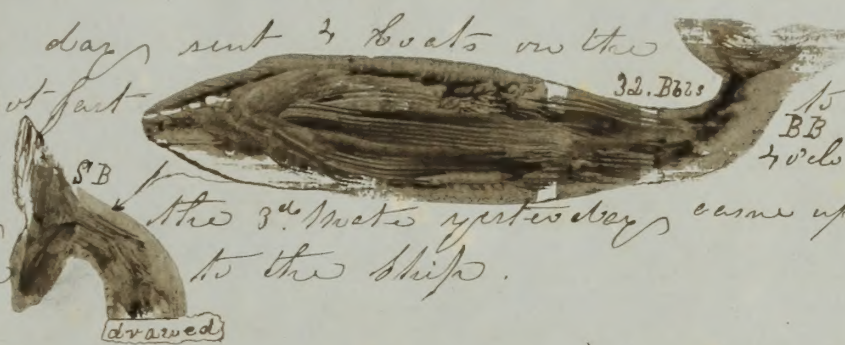


# Whaling in the harbor of San Diego

Thursday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> /61

This day sent 3 boats to the help. Three aboard engaged in  
sighting and stowing down. The 3<sup>d</sup> Mate bombed a whale he  
came up spouting thick blood, went down and never saw him  
again. The 2<sup>d</sup> Mate shot a whale but hardly think he killed  
him. Saw a great many whales going North.

Friday - 22<sup>nd</sup> This day sent 3 boats on the help. The  
1<sup>st</sup> Mate's boat got fast to a whale but  
the iron down at 4 o'clock, the whale  
was shot by the 3<sup>d</sup> Mate yesterday, came up hooked on  
the end towed him to the ship.



Saturday - 23<sup>rd</sup> This day sent 3 boats to the help. The Mate shot  
two whales but got neither. The 4<sup>th</sup> Mate shot 1 but with no bet-  
ter success. We have kind of bomb from San Francisco made  
on a bit of Gas. pipe sharpened at one end and filled with  
powder. I do not think they go straight but they explode well.

Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> This day sent 3 whales to the help. The Mate  
fired two bombs one exploded just clear of the gun and  
the other ~~did~~ not explode at all. Three aboard employed  
stowing down oil. so ends.

Monday - 25<sup>th</sup> This day sent 4 boats to the help. The Mate  
fired two bombs to day, both good chances; but the whales  
did not appear to be hurt. Mr. Burskman has been very  
unfortunate of late having fired 8 bombs in succession without  
striking a whale but I hardly attribute it to bad management. Capt.  
Bark is terrible pettish because we have got no whale for the  
last 2 days. This morning he sent two boats about 3 miles to the  
South of the ship so though they would do any better there  
than on the help. The result was they saw only 12 whales  
while we saw about 60 on the help. I think we shall get  
thousands bbls the season, which should make every one feel  
satisfied. The more people get on this world, the more they  
want. Some men store up this world's goods as though they  
are confident of taking them along to another world, when  
they take their departure from this. but I think they will  
lose their reckoning.



# Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Tuesday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1861

This day sent 4 boats to the help but got to be so rugged that we came in. The rest part of the day calm and blowy, a small schooner arrived from the North bound to the gulf of California.

Wednesday-27<sup>th</sup> This day went out of the harbor but there was such a heavy sea running that we were obliged to come in. Mr Burnham and myself employed the rest of the day in hunting. We were not very successful getting only 2 or 3 Babbs. Last night I got the promise of my discharge from Capt Charles I hope he will keep his word.

Thursday-28<sup>th</sup> This day sent 4 boats to the help Mr Dart is unable to go, on account of a sore hand he fired at a whale yesterday, the gun burst fire till he had taken it from his shoulder when off it went, the hammer tearing the flesh of his hand in a terrible manner. Mrack (his boatster) takes his boat. The Mate shot a whale to day but the bomb did not explode.

Friday-March-1<sup>st</sup> This day sent 4 boats to the help. The Mate shot 2 whales during the day and I am positive he killed both of them. There has been a great many whales gone North to day, a schooner sailed to day for the South.

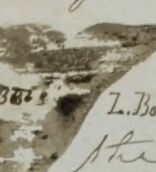
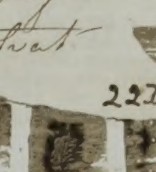
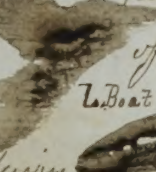
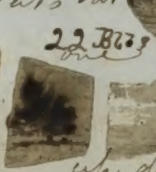
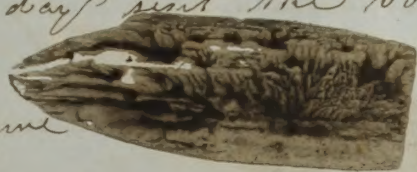
Saturday-2<sup>nd</sup> This day sent 4 whales to the help. The Mate shot 3 bombs but only one of them exploded. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate's hand getting better he went in the boat to day. He bombed a whale but without effect. The 4<sup>th</sup> Mate shot a whale but did not hurt him much. There has 5 bombs fired to day but without getting a whale. We are rather unfortunate of late with our bombs on account of their non-explusion. The fuses of them I think are damp. It causes the "Old man" to get sore groans when a bomb is fired without getting a whale as they cost \$4.00 apiece in San-Francisco. but I suppose he will feel rather happier to know if we get one of these whales that was killed yesterday.



# Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> / 61

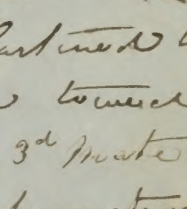
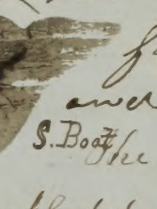
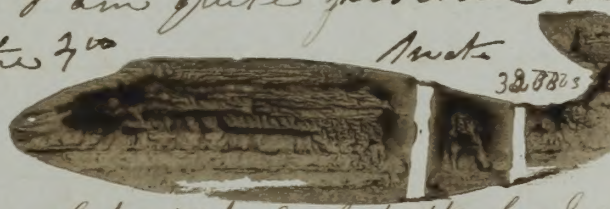
This day sent the boats out long before daylight and finished off our whales that came



up during the night. Two boats took him to the ship. Another whale came up towed him to the ship. The Mate shot a whale to day but the bomb did not explode. Had both whales cut in by sunset

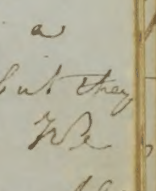
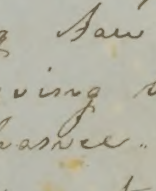
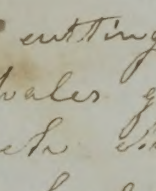
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> This day sent 4 boats a whaling the Mate shot a whale but the bomb did not explode. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate shot a whale and I think he shot him to some effect but 48 hours will tell so ends.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> This day the Mate shot a whale but he never saw again and I am quite positive he sunk him in the afternoon the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate turned up and towed him to the ship



Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> This day sent 4 whales to the keel. The Mate has got a sore hand and being unable to shoot his gun I had an opportunity of trying my skill with the bomb lance. I shot 2 whales. The first one I killed instantly and the second I am not so positive about. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate shot a whale and thinks he killed him. Saw a whale going to the North with an iron in his back

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> This day picked up the whale that the Mate shot on Tuesday took him inside the harbor and anchored him till the tide turned and then got him to the ship at sundown had



meat many did not show. We have got a good seasons work in and I should not complain if we did not get another whale. Kind providence has favored us greatly this past winter, for which we have cause to be thankful



# Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> / 61

This

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L. Boat

28. Bbs

L. Boat

day commences with a thick fog. Went out to the help and found one of the whales I shot on Wednesday. Here obliged to anchor him inside the harbor till the tide turned. During the afternoon the other whale that I shot came up. But both whales to the ship and cut in one before dark. I considered myself quite fortunate in saving 2 whales in succession never having shot a Bomb-lance before, besides both whales being poor chances as they were exactly head on. The Mate shot a whale but did not save him.

Saturday - 9<sup>th</sup> This day a thick fog and blowing strong from the N. Sent 3 boats to the help. Thore aboard the ship cut in the whale. The Mate shot a whale but the Bomb did not explode. He left the help early as it got to be rough.

Sunday - 10<sup>th</sup> This day very foggy. Sent 3 boats to the help. The Mate shot 2 whales during the day but without saving either. A great many whales went to the North during the day and I shall be heartily glad when their migration is at an end. Thore aboard the ship engaged in boiling.

Monday - 11<sup>th</sup> This day sent 2 boats a whaling. The Starboard boat was sent off up the bay with a couple of Boats in search of fresh water as ours is gone. This is water quite handy to the ship but it is very brackish. The Mate shot a whale and I think he killed him instantly. For another whale hovered around the spot nearly as soon showing an affection for its mate. That is rarely witnessed any more forcibly in dumb hearts. but his hovering was fatal to himself for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate shot him. As he started off the whale started. The Mate fired. The Bomb exploded with out entering the whale. He then pulled up and I struck. We pulled the whale toward him to the help and anchored him. The Starboard boat came back late at night bringing a cask of water.

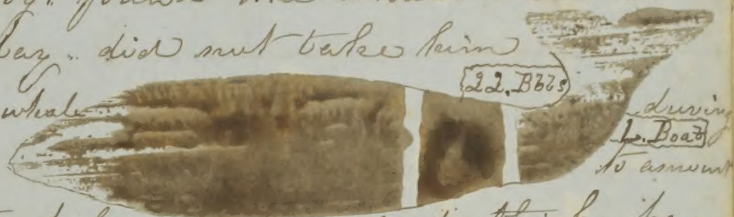


# Whaling in the harbor of San Diego

Tuesday - March 12<sup>th</sup> /61

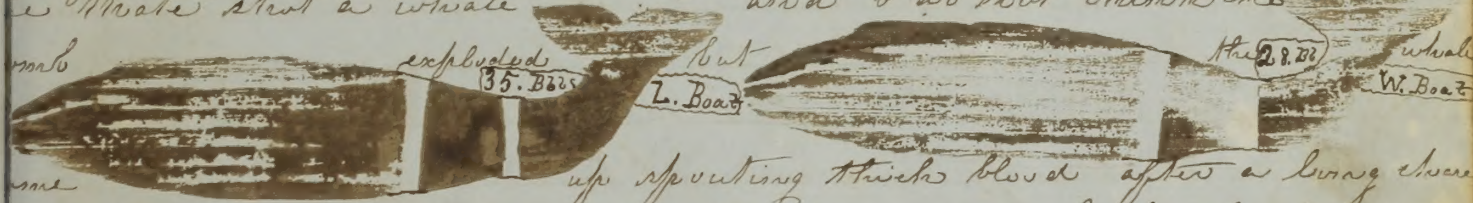
This day sent 4 boats to the help. The Mate shot a whale today. I think he sunk, but I have my doubts. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate bombed a whale but we do not know with what effect as yet. About 3 o'clock we went to haul up the whale at the help and took him to the ship.

Wednesday - 13<sup>th</sup> This day a thick fog found the whale in the help that the Mate shot on Monday. did not take him till dark. The Mate bombed a whale today. but was too poor a chance. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate shot two whales and thinks he got one of them.



Thursday - 14<sup>th</sup> This day foggy, disagreeable weather. The 4<sup>th</sup> Mate shot a whale and the "Boatsteerer" killed him instantly with his iron. On attempting to haul the whale from the bottom the line parted but we shall probably get him on Saturday.

Friday - 15<sup>th</sup> This day has been quite pleasant. On the forenoon the Mate shot a whale and I do not think the



up spouting thick blood after a long chase. I towed him to the mouth of the harbor and it was heads tide anchored him. and went back to the help. In a short time after, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate bombed a whale and killed him. He hooked on and towed him to the ship. The 4<sup>th</sup> Mate has been gone all day with two boats for fresh water.

Saturday - 16<sup>th</sup> This day foggy during the forenoon but cleared up in the afternoon. Found the whale in the help that was killed on Thursday. Took him to the ship and then sent 3 boats back to the help. The Mate tried at a whale. but the Bomb went end over end without hitting him. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate shot 2 whales. but do not think he killed them. Our Bombs are most gone & I am glad for



has oil enough, and she considers herself commander of this ship. May heaven preserve me from "Relieved Government" anything at a "Woman" aboard a ship. They create a great deal of trouble interfering with the other people's business.







# Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>/60

This day blowing nearly a gale sent 3 boats to the help I struck  
a whale and he started off quite lively. The Mate fired two bombs  
at him without effect and then took his hand  
L. Boat and killed him Towed the  
to the mouth of the harbor and anchored  
Took him in at sundown.. so ends

Saturday - 23<sup>rd</sup> This day sent 2 boats to the help the others aboard  
employed in cutting the whale. The 4<sup>th</sup> Mate took 10 large casks  
and started for water he has got to go 25 miles and will undoubtedly  
be a week before he returns.

Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> This day sent two boats to the help There is  
a few whales going North and I wish they had all passed the  
way possibly getting another whale but I hardly think it

Monday - 25<sup>th</sup> This day sent two boats to the help Capt Clark  
has left us to day for the "Country" to visit a gold mine that  
operation. Well I hope he will enjoy himself

Tuesday - 26<sup>th</sup> This day sent two boats to the help About 3 1/2 miles  
the Mate Bombed a whale & fastened to him when he started  
off apparently without The Mate fired another bomb at him  
but did not appear to retard his  
After the whale had run  
nearly 6 miles he took his hand lance and killed him Anchored him  
and went aboard.

Wednesday - 27<sup>th</sup> This day blowing strong from the N.W sent  
the boats after the whale but could make no headway it being  
rugged and was obliged to leave him at his anchor The 4<sup>th</sup>  
boat came aboard this evening for food they have got their casks  
filled and will get them down in a couple of days The Mate  
had an altercation with the Capt this evening.. and Mr Burscham  
has concluded to leave. He will probably go up to San Francisco  
the next steamer Good luck attend him wherever he goes is  
the worst I can wish him. It seems hard to part with a man  
I have been with so long whatever may be his character but  
I am not inclined to think that we should always be with each other



## Whaling in the harbor of San-Diego

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> /61

This day the 4<sup>th</sup> Mate went off for his water. Three boats went after the whale. The Capt went in the place of the Mate. After 5 hours hard towing got the whale quite handy to the ship and then anchored him it being high tide about 3 P.M. the tide running got the whale alongside.

Friday - 29<sup>th</sup> This day sent two boats to the help. The 4<sup>th</sup> Mate arrived early this morning with a net of water. Three aboard the ship engaged in cutting the whale. He is in a pitiable condition. He is the largest whale I have seen killed this season. If we had got him fresh would have made over 60 bbls of oil. At sundown twisted in the water.

Saturday - 30<sup>th</sup> This day sent 2 boats to the help. Mr Burnham went out for the last time. He has certainly done his duty this season, and I hope his successor will fill his office equally as satisfactory. Have seen but 2 whales during the day.

Sunday - 31<sup>st</sup> This day sent the Waist and Bow boat to the help. Three aboard employed in stowing down oil and clearing up the decks.

Monday - April - 1<sup>st</sup> This day the Starboard watch was sent to town on liberty. Three aboard engaged in stowing away whaling gear and clearing up the decks.

Tuesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> This day the liberty men came aboard very well satisfied with their jaunt to San-Diego. It being rather late to send the other watch ashore all hands turned to and scrubbed off the decks.

Wednesday - 3<sup>rd</sup> This day the Starboard watch went ashore on liberty. I enjoyed myself very well and was hospitably entertained by the Magistrate of the place. Mr. Noyes is the Gentleman who holds that situation. He is a New-England Man from the state of Maine and has been in California since '49. I also made the acquaintance of all the principal ones of the place. I shall give the particulars of my day there on another page.

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# At anchor in the harbor of San Diego

Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1861

This day the liberty having expired Mr Stretch and Myself went aboard leaving the rest of the watch in a certain blissful slumber and allowing that they meant to finish their liberty, at they struggled along one by one and by night they had all arrived aboard.

Friday - 5<sup>th</sup> This day we moved up the Port anchor and had a nice job of two hours in clearing the chain from it. After we finished at job all hands went ashore before the Collector of Customs and were discharged but signed an agreement to work the ship to the Sandwich Islands. Burnham (1<sup>st</sup> Mate) and Benjamin both took their final discharge and will probably both go up to San Francisco in the steamer. He also discharged two others H Fairbanks, and L Treat, who go to work in a gold mine 30 miles from this place. Mr Dent goes to the Islands as Mate and Mr Stretch 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate.

This day got aboard 4 Bullock and 2 Revs which Capt Clark had purchased. The Carpenter that left us came aboard to say and intends working his passage to Honolulu. A young man who has been working in the mines also goes with us and also a Native of the Sandwich Islands who has been living here several years.

Saturday - 6<sup>th</sup> At daylight the steamer Senator arrived from San Francisco bringing the Sandwich Islands Mails which we are to take. At slack water we moved up our anchor hooked the boat and towed the ship out towards the mouth of the harbor and dropped the anchor under foot again at 11 A.M. made sail and stood to sea. Say off and on till 1 o'clock for Capt Clark who was ashore finishing his business. After his arrival kept up to the Port.

Sunday - 7<sup>th</sup> This day wind out to the N.W. Steering to the South West but the anchors on the bows and set the stunsails and Royals killed a Bullock during the day.



# Bound to the Sandwich islands

Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> 161

This day, steering to the S. W. with a strong Northwesterly wind Middle part blowing strong hauled the light sails latter part stowed the cables below steering S. S. W.

Wednesday - 10<sup>th</sup> This day, a fine wind from the N. W. steering S. S. W. set all the light sails at 4 P. M. The Mizzen top sheet sail split sent it down repaired and bent it latter part got the N. E. trades steering N. S. W. Killed a Bullock today

Thursday - 11<sup>th</sup> This day, blowing a fine breeze from the N. E. steering N. by S. Nothing else has transpired worthy of notice excepting that an ugly Cow came near tossing me overboard with a poke of her horns.

Friday - 12<sup>th</sup> Blowing a strong trade wind steering N. by South latter part bent a main Topmast stay sail steering N. S. W. so ends.

Saturday - 13<sup>th</sup> This day, a fine N. E. wind steering N. by South Middle part about the same latter part a fine trade wind steering N. by N. Killed another Bullock Capt Clark shot 5 balls without killing him and was then obliged to despatch him with an ax

Sunday - 14<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light trade wind steering N. by South Middle part had occasionally squalls of rain latter part strong trade steering N.

Monday - 15<sup>th</sup> This day, blowing fresh from the N. E. steering N. by South Middle and latter part wind & course the same.

Tuesday - 16<sup>th</sup> First part a fresh breeze from the N. E. Middle part wind light from the E steering N. by S. latter part wind from the S. E. steering N. by South. Shifted over the stunsails & think we are doomed for a head wind by the appearance of the weather

Lat. 22.53' N



# Bound to the Sandwich Islands.

Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 1761

This day commences with a light head wind close  
auled on the Starboard tack Middle part nearly calm  
latter part wind out to the S. W. Watch engaged in  
scrubbing ships outside.

Thursday - 18<sup>th</sup> This day still a head wind watch crew  
employed scrubbing ships Middle part blowing strong  
from the S. S. W. hands on deck the light sails latter part  
beaten by the wind into the Port Watch scrubbed  
the Foremast so much.

Friday - 19<sup>th</sup> This day the watch worked the Mainmast  
towards sundown got the S. S. W. trades steering W Middle  
part set the Studdsails latter part wind light but it is  
gradually increasing filled our 4<sup>th</sup> and last Shallock

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Blowing a strong trade wind steering  
S by N. latter part blowing strong from the N. E steering  
Port

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> This day begins with a strong Trade wind  
steering to the N. E. Watch crew employed in preparing  
ship for port

Monday - 22<sup>nd</sup> This day is merely a repetition of the last  
wind and weather without alteration. Course still the  
same

Tuesday - 23<sup>rd</sup> This day begins with fine Trade winds Middle  
part squally latter part strong winds and squally. Course  
S. W. by N. All hands on deck engaged in washing the  
sides of the ships.

Wednesday - 24<sup>th</sup> This day finished washing ships steering  
S. W. by N. all sail out Middle and latter part strong  
trades. We must now be in the vicinity of the islands  
at the rate we have been going



at anchor in the Harbor of Honolulu.

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>/6

This day blowing strong from the N.E. steering N.E. by E. At sundown the island of Oahu was just describable on our Port quarter. Latter part passed the islands of "Maui", "Molokai" & "Kauai". We are bowling along at the rate of 10 knots. Hauled up the chains.

Friday - 26<sup>th</sup> This day sighted the island of Oahu. At sundown was off the Harbor of Honolulu and took a Pilot (Capt Babcock) but being to late for the steamer he lay off and on till daylight. Latter part the steamer towed us in to our anchorage. Moved ship with the kedge. Received quite a number of letters and papers from home, which were quite acceptable.

Saturday - 27<sup>th</sup> This day engaged in getting off decks from ashore and stowing them for fresh water. There is but few ships in port and we are probably the last one of the season.

Sunday - 28<sup>th</sup> This has been most a beautiful Sabbath day and I spent most of it in the company of my Brother who is still living here.

Monday - 29<sup>th</sup> This day employed in taking aboard provisions consisting of Beef and Pork. Two Whales went to sea this day. Nothing else occurred worthy of note.

Tuesday - 30<sup>th</sup> This day I went to the American Consul (Mr. Parker) to ascertain if I was not entitled to my discharge. He assured me that I was. As soon as Capt Leach heard that I had been seeking advice from the Consul, he was as willing to discharge the crew as a short time before he was unwilling. So I was duly discharged from the ship & cleared in accordance with the laws of the United States. I have not determined what to do and shall consider some time, as I am free once more. There is but a small chance to ship in a Whaler to advantage on account of their severity.



At anchor in the Harbor of Honolulu

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> / 61

This day I hired a room ashore and arranged things comfortably, as possible for my sojourn on Teri Firman. I have made arrangements for my meals at a Restaurant so that I am very well provided for.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> This day the ship "Speedwell" sailed for San Francisco. She was stove as was supposed by a rock in the lagoon in California where she was fishing, and sunk. The Capt sold her for a mere song. The purchasers found the breach was caused by the vessel's running over her anchors. They repaired and got her to Honolulu. The whole proceeding does not sound very creditable to her owner Capt, but we will let others judge him.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> This day, some of the crew reshipped in the Ocean. I think I shall be under the necessity of doing likewise as I see no other opportunity of getting away from the island.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> This day I have been quite busy writing letters to my friends at home. I have been quite weary, & hate for the want of diversion. This is truly a dull place especially at this season of the year.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> I kept in house to day. I meant to have attended Divine service to day, but circumstances deterred me from so doing.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> I hardly know with what to fill out a day's work, doing nothing myself. It has been extremely warm and I have kept in doors most of the time.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> This day I made up my mind to go in the Old ship again. I am heartily sick of the shore and long to be in old Neptune's dominions once more. The Clipper ship "Black Hawk" arrived to day, from New York bringing news from the Eastern States up to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Civil war has commenced. "Shame on them"



At anchor in the Harbor of Honolulu

Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>

This day I went before the American Consul and ship  
ped as 4<sup>th</sup> Mate of the 'Ocean'. I did not accept of the  
billet for any honors appertaining to it. But because  
was a good opportunity of getting off the beach

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> This day all hands are aboard with  
the exception of myself, and I shall be on board  
to-morrow.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> This day I went aboard the ship. He  
took our movements and have shut all vessels for  
further orders. But unfortunately the wind kept to  
the south all day.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> This day got a light trade wind  
took a Pilot (Capt Meek) and went to sea I am off  
duty, occasioned by the sting of a scorpion on my  
right leg. Stowed the anchors on the bows. Latter part  
a light wind. Capt is not aboard yet.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> This day wind very light. shall not be  
able to get up to the Harbor in time for Capt Clarke to  
come aboard. Stood off towards Molokai the rest of the day.  
Watch engaged in stowing the cables below.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> This day wind very light standing toward  
Cape Miele part a light Easterly wind Latter part  
a boat ashore which returned at 12 o'clock with Capt Clarke.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> This day made all sail and kept off to the  
Middle and Latter parts light Easterly winds. We are now  
bound for a cruise in the Pacific Ocean, and I hope that  
kind Providence has ordained it to be a successful one.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> This day stowing R. R. with a light East wind  
I am off duty. The sting of the reptile before mentioned  
having poisoned my leg, which was swelled frightfully. I am  
now applying poultices to the affected parts which is the only  
remedy at present.



Bound to the Arctic ocean.

Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> 1861

This day a fine trade wind steering to the N. West is beautiful weather and. Oh! that I could enjoy it. My leg pains me so severely, that I can scarcely procure comfort's rest. Latter part had heavy squalls of rain and not accompanied with thunder and lightning.

Friday - 17<sup>th</sup> This day wind out to the Eastward and blowing strong. Middle part heavy squalls steering N. W. by N. Latter part shortened sail, as we were having heavy thunder storm and did not know how serious that some might be.

Saturday - 18<sup>th</sup> This day the weather getting settled made all sail blowing strong from the S. E. steering N. N. W. Latter part every stitch of canvas set that will draw wind from the S. E. steering N. by N.

Sunday - 19<sup>th</sup> First part brisk breeze from the South Middle part wind hauling into the S. W. steering N. by N. Latter part wind increasing took in the studding sails and Royals steering N. by N. P.

Monday - 20<sup>th</sup> Commences with a strong wind from the East. Close hauled on the Port tack Middle part wind to the N. W. deaved ahead. Latter part close hauled on the Starboard tack.

Tuesday - 21<sup>st</sup> The first part nearly calm Middle part breeze sprang up from the S. E. steering N. W. Latter part wind about S. W. Watch engaged in mending an old top.

Wednesday - 22<sup>nd</sup> This day wind from the West and continuing hauling ahead Middle part wind from the N. N. West took in the light sails and braced up sharp Latter part wind light close hauled on the Port tack heading into the N. E. My leg has so improved that I have returned to duty, but it is still very painful. There is a cavity left in my leg of the size of a Walnut. But I hope with good nursing it will soon heal.



Board to the Arctic ocean

Thursday May 23<sup>d</sup>

First part wind light from the East steering N. N. W.  
Sent down the Mainsail to repair and bent another  
 Latter part light variable winds. Carpenter employed  
 in repairing the boats.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a strong wind from the S.  
 steering into the N. N. W. Latter part foggy. Wind strong from  
 the S. E. and steadily increasing. There has been quite a  
 change in the temperature within the last 24 hours. It  
 causes a person to don his thick clothes.

Saturday This day strong winds from the S. E. steering  
 N. N. W. by N. Hauled the Royals, Topgallantsails, Mizzen Topsail  
 and Mainsail Middle part blowing strong from the S.  
 N. Latter part double reefed the Fore Topsail.

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> The wind has hauled into the West and  
 blowing strong Middle part double reefed the Topsails &  
 stowed the Mainsail Latter part about the same steering  
 into the N. N. W.

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> This day blowing strong from the N. E. W.  
 steering N. N. W. Latter part wind on the increase. Tumbled  
 the Fore Topsail. Foresail split. Sent it down and bent a new  
 one. Occasional squalls of snow.

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> This day blowing a fresh gale from the N.  
 steering about N. There is a heavy sea running also heavy  
 squalls of hail Latter part; the gale is moderating steering  
 N. N. W. It is very cold indeed, and the hail storms induce  
 us a fellow to hide his face under the folds of his thick

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> This day quite moderate. Set the Fore and  
 Mizzen Topsail also the Gib and Mainsail Middle part  
 shook out the reefs and set the light sails. Middle part wind  
 out to the N. N. W. and very cold. Heading by the wind  
 into the N. E.



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Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>

This day, strong winds from the N. N. W. steering by the wind into the North, got a new cutting fall and fitted it ready for use. Discovered a leak in the bow. The water comes in at the rate of about 200 strokes an hour. It is a bolt hole, about two foot under water. Latter part a strong N. N. W. wind

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> This day still a head wind. Middle part saw a number of Humpbacks Latter part the Fore-Topmast Stay-sail split. Sent it into mend. Wind still set to the N. N. W.

Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> This day having finished mending the Stay-sail bent it Middle part and hauled from the West. Hove ship and stood to the North. Latter part cleared up between decks for the purpose of sail mending. Commenced repairing the old Foresail.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> This day, wind light from the N. N. W. Watch engaged repairing the Foresail. Middle part wind from the N. N. W. Hove ship. Had a heavy snow squall. Latter part wind light from the N. Saw a number of Finbacks.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> This day got a fine breeze from the N. W. steering S. S. W. Of this wind will but hold a few days we shall be where there is some prospect of getting oil. Latter part wind light from the North. Watch engaged repairing the old Foresail. Saw plenty of Finbacks.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Wind very light but fair. steering N. by S. at the Main-sails. Middle part wind came out ahead. Latter part got a strong breeze from the S. S. E. steering S. S. W. Set in foggy. Watch commenced mending the old Main-sail. Latter part a head wind and foggy. Watch worked on the Main-sail. It is rather unpleasant weather to see on old sails. But it must not be neglected.



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Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> / 61

This day foggy and rainy Middle part got a light wind from the S. E. steering N. N. W. Latter part steering by the wind headed about N.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> This day nearly calm. We are now in the vicinity of the Fox Islands, and a few hours of a good wind would carry us through into the Russian Sea. Latter part a calm and fog.

Friday - 7<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a calm Middle part light E. wind from the S. N. Latter part a light wind from the S. E. finished repairing the Main-sail. Yesterday we sent down the Fore Top-sail and bent another which I omitted mentioning.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> This day the fog cleared away, and saw the band (Fox Islands) on the Port beam at 5 P. M. the Island of "Unalga" bore N. N. by Compass 4 miles Dist Middle part wind of shore Latter part wind came from off the band and were obliged to stand along for another passage.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> First part wind very light. Ave off the straits of Cumisak Middle part calm Latter part a light Easterly wind, standing in for the straits of Cumisak S. coasts.

### A few remarks on the Aleutian Islands

The Aleutian or Fox Islands, the ones that have been in our sight for the last few days, are a high mountainous range extending from the peninsula of Alaska in a Westerly direction for nearly 600 miles. On Cumisak Island, from which the strait we are bound through derives its name, are two volcanoes belching out the smoke and lava, presenting a beautiful and startling spectacle to the Mariner as pacing the deck in his midnight watch, as he indulges in an occasional glance at the "Silence" of the Aleutian Islands. The summits of these Islands are covered with perpetual snow. The inhabitants of this chain of Islands would present a very uncouth and ludicrous appearance to any person on beholding them for the first time. They are Esquimaux, and are as dirty, and filthy, in their



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Several manners of living as a human being can very well be. They are very unprepossessing in their appearance. They are of a warfish size, square built, broad flat faces, and their lips and noses are ornamented with an endless variety of tinshuts, which they procure from the Russians in the way of trade. Their principal articles of dress are manufactured from the skin of the Seal and Deer. They, like all other uncivilized "Natives" are passionately fond of spirituous liquor, and they rank the "Virginia Weed" as one of their greatest luxuries. The Russian-Catholic Missionaries are very zealous here in their endeavors to inculcate on the minds of these poor secluded beings the detestable doctrines of their faith.

Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> / 61

This day wind from the S. E. steering N. N. W. This day passed by the way of Unwinak. It ails from the North Pacific Ocean into the Seascat Sea. Sea Middle part a fine leading wind, steering N. N. W. Latter part a strong wind from the N. E. steering N. N. by N.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> This day, a fine wind from the N. N. E. saw the land at 3 P. M. "King George Island" It is covered with snow even at this time of the year. There is a few families of Russians living here who are employed by their respective Government in the collection of Fur Seal skins. A steamer visits them once a year to bring them provisions, Coals, and other necessities of life. At sundown being close into the land saw a "Hike" which the the Capt. pronounced to be a Polar Whale (Bowhead) We were for him and after he had dodged us two hours we found to our great chagrin that our would be prize bore the far famous title of California Gray, and his Whale ship no doubt has served many a glorious campaign in the Bay and bays of that State. We all returned to the ship feeling as Sam Slick would express it quite small. Latter part steering N. N. W. in the Island of St Paul another desolate tract of land so unknown to these daring Adventurers. Watch employed in mending the old Fore Topail.



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Wednesday June.

This day a strong wind from the S. E. heading by the wind into the N. N. W. Middle part wind hauling more to the Eastward kept her N. N. W. Latter part blowing a fresh gale under Double reefed Topsails.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> First part a thick fog. At 6 P. M. furled the Fore Topsail, 1<sup>st</sup> Foresail and Main sail. Middle part wore ship and stood to the S. E. Latter part made all sail heading N. by N.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> This day at a wind from the S. N. steering N. N. by N. Middle part the wind shifted to the S. E. All sail set Latter part blowing very strong from the East with fog.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> This day blowing strong from the East at 6 A. M. took in the light sails and double reefed the Topsails Middle part blowing a fresh gale from the North Brought her down to a close reefed Main Topsail Middle part more moderate set whole Topsails at 4. A. M. spoke the Ship Henry Staceboud. "Skelly" of New Bedford. About the same time raised the land bearing N. N. W. 30 miles Dist which proved to be the Eastern part of Siberia. - "Cape Thaddeus" at 9 A. M. Capt Skelley came aboard. He has seen no whales but has heard of several ships having done well.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> First part a light wind from the N. N. E. heading by the wind into the N. N. W. Latter part wind from the N. N. steering by the wind with the Starboard Tacks aboard Under the Stunsails and Main Topmast Maysail and stowed them below.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> First and Middle part a strong wind from the N. N. W. close hauled on the Port Tack Latter part a strong wind from the N. N. E. steering into the N. N. W. saw 2 Bowheads going quick into the North did not follow. saw the land off the fore bow leaping employed in repairing the Starboard Pump The lower gun port got shoved down through the Chasse-bou.



Bedford to the Arctic Ocean

Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> /61

First part a fine breeze from the N. N. E. weather pleasant steering by the wind into the N. N. W. at 6 P. M. saw 25 or 30 Bowheads all going quick to the Windward. Lowered for some but did not get clear Middle part wind light saw a little to windward Latter part wind very light. Took out about 1000 lbs to repair

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> This day begins with a light N. N. W. wind Middle part land in sight steering into the N. E. Latter part 4 sails in sight all steering into the N. N. E. at 11 am spoke the Barque "Eleone" Capt Simmons of N. Bedford 32 months out 2000 bbls - 3 whales this season. The Capt came aboard and spent the day

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> First part nearly calm saw a ship off the Bow with his boats down. Spoke the Barque Barnstable 13 months out 13 bbls sperm. The Capt Clark and Simmons went aboard of her. at 6 P. M. the ship "Tees" Dickerson. Capt Stewart of New Bedford came on board. He is 9 months from home. He has 2 whales. Middle part calm Latter part light southerly winds. 5 sails in sight.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> First part a light southerly wind steering into the N. N. W. Spoke the Barque "Thiodora" Capt. [unclear] of New Bedford 4 whales this season. Also saw the Barque "Loval", Capt Sisson of N. Bedford Middle part a strong wind from the East standing into the land Latter part saw quantities of drift ice.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> First part standing off shore with a strong wind from the E. N. E. under double reefed Main Top sail, Fore and Mizzen furled. 3 P. M. wind increasing close reefed the Main Top sail and furled the Course. Latter part blowing strong from the East under double reefed Top sails standing in shore



## Bound to the Arctic Ocean

Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 16

At 6 P.M. found ourselves close in shore. Wore ship and shortened sail. Middle part more moderate but a thick fog. Latter part wind light from the S.E. made all sail. On the inshore tack

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> Wind light but we are still blessed with a fog. At 6 P.M. shortened sail for what reason I know not. Middle part nearly calm 3 sails in sight. Latter part made all sail. Fog cleared up and saw the land.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> First part wind light from the S.E. land in sight also 2 sails. At 3 P.M. saw a Bowhead lowered for him but he was going to quick. Middle part on the off shore tack till midnight, and then wore ship and stood to the East. Latter part saw Cape "Tschukolskoi" bearing N.E. 10 miles Dist. At 12 A.M. reached the mouth of Behring Straits and being a fog came to anchor with the Sledge in 28 fathoms of water.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> At 2 P.M. the fog cleared up. Took up our Sledge and stood along to the S.E. Saw a number of ships at anchor into the land. At 6 P.M. came to anchor and furled the sails. Middle part shot the Bar. Gunny, Capt. Berin 12 months out 550 Sperm and 200 Whale. Latter part the fog having cleared up saw about 9 ships at anchor.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> At 1 P.M. got underway and stood to the N.E. At 5 P.M. a number of Esquimaux paid us a visit. At 7 o'clock coming in foggy, braced up on the off shore tack and shortened sail. Middle part standing into the South with a strong wind from the N. At 12 o'clock came up with heavy ice wore around and stood to the N.W. Latter part a light Westerly wind steering along the ice. Saw several Whip-sack whales.

P.S.

Spoke the Ship "Champion" of Edgartown seven months out 100 Sperm, which I forgot to mention in the first part of Thursday's work.



# Cruising in Bhering Straits

Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> 1861

This day low and for a Bowhead in the edge of the ice but did not see him again. At 10 A.M. dropped the dredge in 10 fathoms water about 3 miles off the ice latter part sent the boats into the ice in hopes of seeing whales, saw several but they were going quiet to the south. At 12 o'clock went aboard.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> This day spoke the Trading Barque Capt. Lawton of N. Bedford 2 A.M. got under weigh and stood by the wind into the Eastward. At 11 spoke the Ship Champion Middle part a calm latter part a light breeze from the North spoke the Barque. Isabella, Tucker, of N. Bedford make this season.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> First part fine Northerly winds working through a field of ice to the Eastward 5 sails in sight & boiling. Boats caught several Walrus latter part standing to the West. Asiatic east in sight.

Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> Commences with a fine wind from the N.W. are making preparations for smoking ship as we are overrun with rats latter part being calm started the fires and closed the Hatches. One ship in sight chasing whales.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> First part calm at 3 P.M. took off the Hatches, and found quite a quantity of dead water. Latter part quite a quantity of drift ice in sight. Boiling amongst it under easy sail. Plenty of Rip-back whale in sight.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Commences with a fine breeze from the S.W. and some fog Middle part calmer to anchor with the dredge in 30 fathoms of water close to a heavy body of ice. Latter part wind from the S.W. and foggy ship dragging her dredge but the Starboard Anchor off the Bow in case it should be needed.



## Cruising in Bering Straits

Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> / 61

This day wind out to the S. W. at 4 P. M. saw the Diamond Islands bearing N. N. W. 15 miles Dist. and a heavy body of ice stretching towards the American shore Middle part saw the ship Magnolia at anchor under the lee of the land Latter part came to an anchor under the North side of East Cape & Schumacher were trading.

Lat  $66^{\circ} 06' N$

Long  $169^{\circ} 40' W$

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> This day quite warm and pleasant a number of natives came aboard. Capt. Clark disposed of about 60 gal. liquor receiving in exchange about  $\frac{1}{4}$  as much trade as might have been got. which will no doubt greatly injure the trading Schooners. On speaking to Capt. Clark with regard to it, he responded that he was endeavoring to injure the traders Latter part getting a fine fine breeze from the South took our anchor and stood to to the South spoke the ship Fabius, 2 whales this season at 12 o'clock spoke the brig Hero of "Horsobul" "

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a good breeze from the S. W. running along the land to the South lowered for a Nowhead. but without success Latter part light baffling winds spoke the trading Schooner Adella Henry of San Francisco

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> First part light southerly winds by the wind 5 sails in sight Middle part spoke the ship Robert Edwards & Devil Fish the season Slept off to the North

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> First part pleasant weather with the wind from the South steering to the N. W. at 2 P. M. were off East Cape several sails in sight Latter part steering to the N. W. saw 8 sails at anchor close to the land. The sun has been above the Horizon nearly the whole of these last 24 hours



# Revising in the Arctic Ocean

Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> / 61

First part a light wind from the N. N. W. steering  
by the wind into the North Middle part stood  
away to the South again Latter part steering  
S. E. with a very light Northerly wind

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> First part wind to the S. E. and  
foggy caught a couple Walrus Middle part wind  
W. N. E. S. E. Latter part wind to the S. E. saw the  
land, several sails in sight also a heavy field of ice

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Commences with light winds and  
pleasant weather & sails in sight At 4 P. M. Landed  
on the ship "Montreal" Capt Bowle of N. Bedford  
Bowhead & 4 ship backs the season Middle part  
Landed with the ship "Julian" Capt Winegar of  
N. Bedford 2 Bowheads the season Latter part &  
sails in sight also the land

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Commences with a strong breeze from the  
S. E. some drift ice in sight steering to the North  
Latter part wind from the S. E. had a heavy body  
of ice trailing to the South

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> First part pleasant weather wind light  
from the S. E. sent the boats into the ice and got  
a number of Walrus Middle part steering by the  
wind with the Starboard Tacks aboard Latter part  
foggy steering to the N. E.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> This day foggy wind S. E. steering by  
the wind with the Starboard Tacks aboard  
Middle part came to anchor with the Sledge in 25 fathoms  
water and furled the sails Latter part calm still at  
anchor saw a little drift ice



Upwising in the Arctic Ocean

Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> /61

First part weather foggy with a fresh breeze from the S. E. Middle part the fog clearing up saw the land Cape Liebuore bearing N. E. about 20 miles distant to the S. W. under double reefed Topsails Latter part wind S. E.

Lat  $69^{\circ} 05' N$

Long  $165^{\circ} 22'$

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> First part brisk breeze from the S. S. E. A heavy body of ice in sight extending from N. W. to S. E. Ship heading into the S. W. Middle part a light wind from the N. S. W. Latter part a light wind from the S. S. W. heading into the S. E. 2 sails in sight

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light breeze from the S. S. W. 2 sails in sight Middle part light breeze from the S. W. Latter part wind strong from the N. steering to the South

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> First part wind from the North steering S. S. E. The land in sight at 8 P.M. Middle part a light wind from the N. E. Ship by the wind with the Starboard Tacks aboard Latter part spoke the Barque Coral, Capt Sisson of N. Bedford Several sails in sight.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Commences with a fresh breeze from the S. E. There is quite a number of ships in sight several of which are sailing Middle part foggy wind from the S. S. E. Latter part steering by the wind into the East.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> This day begins with strong southerly wind took in the light sails and double reefed the Topsail Middle part wind strong from the South and foggy Latter part wind shifted to the S. W. and became very light, so we could not hold our own against the current drift the hedge in 30 fathoms of water



# Expedition in the Arctic Ocean

Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> / 61

This day begins with a calm and thick fog. Sledge  
trill underfoot at 4 P.M., wind veered to the West and  
blew away the fog. Got under weigh and stood to the  
North. Middle part a light air from the West with  
foggy weather. Latter part wind light from the N.W.  
steering to the South

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> First part wind light from the N.E.  
with clear weather. East Cape in sight Middle  
part wind shifted into the N.W. stood close into  
the Diomedes. Latter part saw the American coast  
wind from the N.W. steering S.E. by E. saw King's  
Island bearing East

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> First and Middle part pleasant weather  
with a fresh breeze from the N.W. which increasing  
took in the light sail and double reefed the Topsails  
saw the West coast bearing about N.W. Latter part the  
weather quite moderated from the N.W. made all  
sail. sent in the gig to repair and sent another one  
the Barque Joe and one schooner in sight

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> First part a light southerly wind  
spoke the Barque Joe and reports some ships as having  
done well in St Lawrence Bay. Latter part all  
sail out bound to the North. Latter part stood into  
St Lawrence Bay and found the ships and whales  
had left. saw the schooner Sea Witch of N. London

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> This day begins with light winds and  
foggy weather. There has been several Natives aboard  
sleaved for a bowhead but was as successful  
as we usually are. Latter part wind strong from  
the North and rainy. Spent the fore topsails in  
lowering it down and was obliged to bend another  
saw several ships boats chasing whaling. We are  
very unfortunate always a day behind hand



Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> /61

This day blowing strong from the North under double reefed Topsails Middle part wind moderating, made sail. Latter part wind increasing from the North took in the light sails.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Commences with a strong Northerly wind. Stood into the mouth of St Lawrence Bay. Saw several ships at anchor. Spoke the Barque Bragance, Capt Thomas of N Bedford. They have struck 7 whales this season and saved but 1 having lost the others in the ice. Middle part made all sail standing off and shore. Latter part wind very light from the North. Employed in repairing an old Fore Topsail.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light southerly wind steering to the North. Spoke the Barque Nile, Capt [illegible] who was just arrived from Lodiad having taken 3 Right whales and 2 Humpbacks on that ground. Latter part spoke the Brig Robina at 11 o'clock hoveed for Bowhead but did not see him again.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> This day wind light from the South steering towards the North at 5 P.M. off Cape [illegible] Employed in hoisting out the skubber of walrus which we have taken. Latter part hoveed for 2 Bowheads but coming in a thick fog did not see them again.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> First part wind light from the South and veering. Middle part wind light from the South. Latter part working through the ice to the North. Took up a tree upwards of 60 feet in height.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Begins with a light wind varying from South to East with squalls of snow steering to the N.W. Middle part wind working into the N.E. Latter part wind light from the East, working into the North. Saw a great quantity of shipsack whales. Also large fields of ice in sight.



Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup> /61

First part wind very light from the East. Lowered the  
boats for Devil-fish but could not get near them. Middle  
part sail in sight. We are heading to the N. E. Latter  
part came up with a fleet of 17 sleds 5 of which were baid  
and several chasing whales. At 11 o'clock lowered for  
Bowheads but the boats did not see him at 12  
saw the ship. Reindeer. Capt. Maynor & Bowheads  
is season. Spoke the ship from Hubbard, 6 whales  
is season.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> This day begins with a light wind from  
the North. Received 10 bbls of Beef from the Reindeer as  
his is gone. Spoke the Barque Thoride, "Fish" of N. Bed-  
and Middle part steering into the N. N. wind N. E.  
latter part heavy snowballs. Spoke the ship H. Smeeland

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> First part a light wind from the N. N.  
steering N. E. Middle part a fine wind from the  
West sail in sight Latter part wind strong from  
the S. N. steering E. by N. saw Cape Lisburne on the  
American coast. Have had considerable snow.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> First part strong southerly winds stood  
under the lee of the land and saw 4 sails. Spoke  
the Barque Maganza. Latter part a calm. Capt. Leback  
went ashore and shot several Belds Ducks

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> This day sent a boat in and obtained  
load of drift wood Middle part wind S. W ship  
steering N. N. Latter part running along a heavy belt  
ice. Lowered for white Gannets with out success

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> First part strong S. W. winds took in the light  
sails and double reefed the Topsails. Middle part wind  
from the N. S. W steering into the N. W Latter part wind  
S. E. and quite moderate made all sail steering to  
the S. W. sail in sight. Saw a heavy body of ice  
above

Lat. 70. 33' N



## Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

Wednesday, August.

These 24 hours very pleasant with a light wind from the south. Not a ship to be seen nor any signs of whales. Truly our prospects look very uninviting. Lat.  $69^{\circ} 13' N$

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> First part a fine breeze from the S. E. heading by the wind into the S. W. & sails in sight. Middle part saw a large body of ice to the South. Latter part spoke the <sup>Martine</sup> "Margue Daley" of N. Bedford nothing this season. Reports having seen plenty of whales 30 miles to the windward.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> This day a fine breeze from the S. E. stood into a heavy belt of ice and sent the boat in after Walrus. We got 600. The Capt went in the Bow boat and got stove slightly. Latter part wind from the East saw several ships.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> First part pleasant weather with a strong Easterly wind. Ice in sight. Middle part a strong S. E. wind saw 4 sails. Latter part foggy saw the ship Cambaircourt of Havre.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a fog and a strong S. E. wind. Took in the light sails. Latter part spoke the ship Robert Edwards, "Wood", of N. Bedford & whale this season.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> First part a light wind from the N. N. W. steering into the S. E. The remainder of the day light winds and calms.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> First part light winds from the N. N. W. steering into the S. E. Middle part backing to with the main topsails to the mast. Latter part light winds from the North steering by the wind with the starboard tacks a back.



# Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

Wednesday, August 14/61

First part a light wind and foggy, haying whale  
middle part a fine breeze from the south latter part  
strong S. E. wind and foggy passed the ship Reins-  
wetter her boats down skimming whales

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Commences with a fine Westerly wind  
saw the Barque Fanny, a Bowhead and 4 Devil-fish  
this season. At 3 o'clock he hoveed for a Bowhead  
did not get near the whale middle part by the  
wind under double reefed Topsails latter part a strong  
wind from the N. W. 5 sails in sight

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> First part a strong wind from the N. W. head-  
bore into the East middle part by the wind under double  
reefed Topsails latter part saw the American East bearing  
by N. Eleven sails in sight at 11 hoveed for a Bowhead  
It could not catch him

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> First part blowing fresh from the  
West 10 sails in sight middle part spoke the Barque  
thevine "Hempstead" of N. London & whales this season  
latter part spoke the Ship Electra, "Brown" of N. London  
from Hudson with 4 Right whales and 1 sperm whale  
and 3 Bowheads on the ground

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light Westerly wind  
sails in sight some of which are Whaling middle  
part wind light all sail out working to the West  
latter part a strong south wind saw 2 ships cutting

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Commences with a strong S. E. wind  
hoveed for a Bowhead but did not get near him  
sails in sight latter part saw a number of Devil-  
fish At 11 A.M. spoke the Robert Edwards, Watch  
engaged in boiling out Walrus Blubber saw several  
ships with their boats down



# Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>

First part a light southerly wind steering to the N. E. 8 sails in sight. Middle part the wind shifted to the North and freshened up so that we were obliged to take in the light sails. Latter part wind very strong from the North steering to the South

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> First part wind strong from the N. N. under double reefed Topsails. Middle part wind more moderate with heavy squalls of snow. Latter part wind very light from the N. N. Saw a number of sails 7 of which were hoisting.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Begins with a fine wind from the N. N. 6 P. M. saw the Brig Kohoba take a large whale close to us. Latter part a fine breeze from the N. N. saw the Barque Catherine of N. London. "Hempstead" Master 41 A. M. kept off North

Friday 23<sup>d</sup> First part a light breeze from the South. Spoke the Barque Mantua of N. Bedford and the Brigantine Victoria of Honolulu. Middle part the are backing aback whilst the three Capt. are having a drunken spree. It is not the first one I have seen this season and in all probability is not the last. Latter part wind about S. N.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> First part light winds from the S. E. 9 sails in sight. Middle part wind increasing took in the light sail. Latter part the wind still increasing double reefed the Topsails. Sounded for a Bowhead but he started off to windward. 11 A. M. wind moderate shook out the reefs. 7 sails in sight

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> First part a strong wind from the S. N. steering by the wind under whole Topsails 9 sails in sight. Latter part wind shifted to the North. Sounded the Boats for a Bowhead but he started off to the windward and we were obliged to give up the chase.



# Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>/61

This day begins with a fine N.E. wind. At 3 P.M. lowered for a Bowhead. The next time he came he was 2 miles to windward & I am positive we got to near the whale with the ship. Spoke the ship "Good Return of N. Bedford." Fish Master, 4 whales this season latter part spoke the Barque Catherine. She was cutting a whale at the time.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> First part a strong wind from the N.N.W. at 5 P.M. lowered for a Bowhead Capt. Leback went down with me, and being very drunk he fell overboard and it was with difficulty we saved him. I have come to the conclusion that bad luck was visited this season. Latter part quite moderate. Saw several Bowheads going quick to windward.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> First part pleasant weather with a strong wind from the N.E. 11 sails in sight Middle part strong wind and foggy. Latter part saw 3 sails sailing.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> First part a very strong wind from the N.E. and foggy. Doubled reefed the Topsails and reduced the Courses. Latter part blowing heavy from the N.E. Stowed the pig.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> First part foggy, wind hauled into the N. Middle part wind E.S.E. and quite moderate. Latter part spoke the Barque Florida of N. Bedford Fish Master & the Barque David of San. Francisco. Master 120 Bbls Walrus oil the season.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> First part a light Easterly wind. Spoke the Barque Nile of N. London Fish Master. They have taken 5 Bowheads the last week. Middle part quite foggy. Latter part wind very light from the Eastward. Several sails in sight but no whales & do not expect to get any oil till the Rum Barrels are picked up which will be some time yet.



Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> /61

This day begins with a light Northerly wind. Spoke the ship Fabius of N. Bedford, "Smith," Master. He obtained 40 Bbls fresh water from the Nile they having plenty and the being about middle part foggy. Capt Clarke came from the Nile drunk. Latter part a strong wind from the N.W. spoke the Barque Janny.

Lat 69° 38' N

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> First part pleasant weather with a fine wind from the N.N.W. steering into the S.E. 6 P.M. double reefed the Topsails. Latter part wind quite moderate. 14 sails in sight. Lowered the boat for a Bowhead the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate went <sup>missed</sup> alongside of the whale and the Boatsteerer threw both overboard. So much for having in our competent men

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Commences with a light wind from the S.W. Saw a large body of drift ice. Several Ships in sight cutting & boiling. Lowered for a Bowhead with our usual success. Latter part a light wind from the S.E.W. Saw several Ships boiling.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> First part blowing strong from the S.W. Doubled reefed the Topsails, furled the Courses & hid 16 sails in sight. Several of them have taken. Whales today. Middle part rainy and foggy. Hauled the fore and Mizen Topsails. Latter part blowing strong from the S.E.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> First part blowing fresh from the S.E. set the Mizen Topsail. Middle part quite moderate from the N.W. Latter part wind quite light. Made all sail. Saw a Bowhead going quick to the Windward. Did not lower.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> First part a very light wind from the East. at 5 o'clock raised a <sup>dead</sup> whale to leeward. About 1 P.M. took him alongside and shortened sail. Middle part getting ready for cutting. Latter part cut the whale, saving all the bone. The Whale was lost by the Barque Clarib of San Francisco.



# Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> / 61

This day foggy. Started the works Middle part empty, blowing. Latter part wind light from the S. E. and foggy. Engaged in boiling.

Sunday - 8<sup>th</sup> First part foggy with a light wind from the S. E. still boiling Middle part clear with a strong wind from the E. S. E. Latter part sail in sight and large body of ice in the S. W.  
Lat. 64° 25' N.  
Long. 192° 15' W

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Commences with a fine breeze from the S. E. Finished boiling. A heavy body of ice in sight. Latter part were making preparations for stowing down. When we unexpectedly saw several Bowheads. Lowered for them and the Mate got part to a whale. Soon killed and hauled him alongside. The starboard accidentally getting under the counter, she was badly stove. A great number of whales in sight.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> First part got the whale's head in and made all fast for the night. Middle part blowing strong from the North stood quarter watches. Latter part blowing strong from the S. E. Finished cutting the whale.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> First part very cold and raining, blowing a fresh gale from the East. Middle part the gale shifted to the N. W. Latter part blowing heavy from the N. W. with squalls of snow. Stowed down some oil.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Begins with a strong wind from the N. W. and very cold. Thermometer standing at 28°. Started the works. Employed in stowing down oil. Saw heavy ice in the S. E. Latter part part blowing heavy from the N. W. with occasional squalls of snow. Employed in boiling. Set the Mizzen Topsail, close reefed.



# Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> / 61  
First part blowing strong from the N. W. with heavy squalls of snow Middle part the weather being so rugged could do no work. Latter part the wind moderating started the work.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> First part wind moderating. Have had a plenty of snow Employed in boiling Latter part wind light from the N. W. under whole Topsails. Finished boiling and commenced stowing down oil

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> First part clear and cold wind light from the S. W. All hands stowing down oil. Middle part wind light from the N. W. Latter part finished stowing down the oil

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light Northerly wind very cold. Middle part wind light from the North heading into the N. At 7 A. M. saw several Bowheads however but could get no chance at them. About 10 A. M. hove in again with the same good luck. 12 A. M. it is snowing heavy Backed the Main Topmast waiting for it to clear up

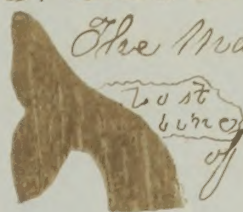
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light wind from the N. E. At 11 A. M. hove in for a whale but was not fortunate enough to strike. Middle part standing back and forth under short sail Latter part saw large quantities of Bowheads. Hove in the boats. As two Boatsteveners are sick. I went with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate. And Capt Clark went down in the Bow boat taking the 3<sup>d</sup> Mate to steer him. The Capt struck a whale and the other boat getting fast soon got him alongside. There is a large body of whales here and no ships to molest them except ourselves. But the greatest draw back we have is the number of our crew that is sick. I am hardly able to be on duty myself. I have the scurvy. Commenced cutting the whale by 12 had his head in Long 172° 35' W. Lat 70° 43' N


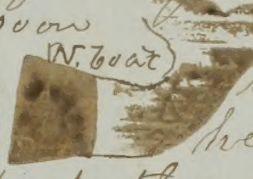


# Cruising in the Arctic Ocean

Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>

This day a very light wind and so cold that the salt water is freezing on the deck. Finished cutting Middle part standing along under double reefed Topsails. Latter part wind light plenty of Bowheads in sight. The Mate at last and the whale took his line. Boats went aboard and kept the ship off for a body of whales to leeward.



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Lowered the boats and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate got part to a large whale and had him spouting blood before the other boats got part. Got him along  soon turned him up. Got him along  side about 10 M. By 8 o'clock had his head off & been made fast for the night. Latter part, the Ocean is alive with whales. At 12 A.M. finished cutting and kept off S. E. under double reefed Topsails hauled out of the Ocean. It is not prudent to stop here any longer as we are alone and but a short distance from the "Ice Barrier" and if we should get a southerly Gale, there would not be a soul left to tell the tale. Our Chronometer is also in error.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> First part wind from the West steering S. E. with squalls of snow. Started the works. Middle part the wind is about N. W. At 3 A.M. made all sail. Latter part spoke the Barque, Braganza. He got a whale yesterday which he is now boiling. Kept corrected his Chronometer.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> First part wind from the N. N. E. steering to the South. Employed in boiling. Middle part snowing heavy. Latter part a fresh breeze from the North about 6 A.M. saw the Asiatic. Boat. Bearing S. S. W. about 25 miles. It being very cold and snowing cooled down the works, and commenced stowing down. We are now steering S. E. with all sail set. A few days will bring us to a more congenial climate. I am so lame with the scurvy that I can scarcely get along. We have got a boat steered very low with the consumption who will live but a short time.



# Bound out of the Arctic Ocean

Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> /61

First part a strong wind from the N.W. finished stowing down what oil we had on deck. At 4 P.M. we were off East Cape steering S. by E. Discovered Islands in sight. Middle part wind strong from the N.E. Latter part started the works. Steering S. E. saw St Lawrence Island bearing E. S. E.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> First part a strong wind from the North and steadily increasing. took in the light sails and double reefed the Topsails. Middle part being more moderate made all sail. Latter part steering to the South Employed in boiling and stowing down.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> First part a light wind from the N.W. at 6 P.M. saw Gove's Island bearing about S. E. Middle part wind hauled into the S. E. and very light Latter a very light wind from the N. Gove's Island in plain sight. Saw 2 sails in sight. We are still boiling.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> First part pleasant, with a light wind from the North, steering to the S. E. At 6 P.M. coiled down the works. Latter part wind from the S. E. ship close hauled. At 5 A.M. started the works. Howled down a few barrels of oil.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> First part a strong wind from the S. E. close hauled on the starboard tack. Double reefed the Topsails. Middle part blowing heavy took in the fore sail and oil. Latter part finished boiling.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> First part blowing a heavy gale from the S. E. Hove to under short boll. Middle and Latter part about the same. It is not quite as cold as it was a few days ago. We have several cases of scurvy aboard I am very lame. and it is with difficulty I can get around the decks.



Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> /61

First part blowing strong from the East still hove to  
middle and latter part blowing a strong gale

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> First part blowing strong from the S. E.  
middle part the gale moderated Latter part part  
left off N. S. W. under double reefed Topsail and running  
We shall go around the Fox Islands to the West. We  
being so far to the leeward of any passage.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> This day made all sail. All hands on  
deck. We stowing down vit. Finished at 4 P.M. Middle  
part a light Northerly wind steering S. W. Latter part  
close hauled heading about S. S. W. Lat 58.° 09' N

Tuesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> First part a strong wind from the S. E.  
took in the light sails. Steering S. W. by S. Middle part a  
strong S. E. wind. Double reefed the Topsails. Latter part  
under S. E. steering S. W. Threw the reef out of the Topsails  
but were obliged to put them in again before noon  
sent down the Main Topsail and bent a new one

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> First part a strong wind from the S.  
heading by the wind into the Southward & Eastward  
middle part squally Latter part blowing strong from  
the East. Carpenter employed in making a new Topmast  
Main sail Boom.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> First part a strong wind from the N. W.  
steering S. W. Middle part thinking the land to be but  
short distance off hove to with the fore Topsail to the  
East. Latter part kept off S. E. and made all sail with  
heavy squalls of wind and rain from the N. Sent a  
new Topmast Main sail. Boom aloft. Bent a Topmast and  
lower Main sail and set them. Sent out the Fly Gib  
which had been in to repair



# Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 161

First part pleasant weather and strong N. W. winds blew a Five Royal. Wind increasing took in the Stunsails and Royals and Fore and Mizzen Topgallant sail Middle part blowing heavy from the N. W. Handed the mainsail and Mizzen Topsail. Latter part wind from the same quarter, but more moderate. Made all sail. Steering S. E.,

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light wind from the West. Watch engaged in tearing down the Tryworks as they are unfit for use. Middle part wind light & hauling into the S. W. Steering E. S. E. Latter part a light wind from the S. E. with fog and rain. Took in the light sails and braced up sharp on the Starboard Tack, headed into the East

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> First part foggy and rainy. Wind on the increase. Double reefed the Topsails and furlled the Middles. Middle part wind more moderate from the S. W. made all sail and kept the ship E. S. E. Latter part wind strong from the South, took in the light sails

Lat.  $47^{\circ}56'N$

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> First part a strong breeze from the S. S. E. steering E. by South. Middle part squally and blowing on from the S. W. Took in the light sails. Latter part wind out to the West. Steering E. S. E. Watch engaged on the Tryworks. Stowed the pots below

Lat.  $46^{\circ}18'N$

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> First part wind from the N. and quite moderate. Set the light sails. Latter part wind very light, from the N. W. Sent down the Main Royal yard for repairs. Sent aloft the M. Top Galant Stunsail boom and set the sail. Steering S. E. by E. The ship leaks so we are obliged to pump every watch



Bound to the Sandwich Islands  
Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 161

First part rain with light winds from the N. W. Middle part a fresh breeze from the N. W. steering into the E. Latter part wind light from the N. N. E. steering E. by E with all sail set. Watch employed in scrubbing the gun from the bone.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> This day warm and pleasant with fine winds from the North. Watch employed in scraping the Whale-bone. Have been steering S. E. by E. these 24 hours.

Lat.  $40^{\circ} 50' N$

Long  $166^{\circ} 03' W$

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> First part clear weather with a light wind from the S. E. close hauled on the starboard tack. Watch employed in repairing an old M. Topsail Middle part wind strong from the S. W. Took in the light sails and double reefed the Topsails. Latter part blowing heavy from the S. W. steering E. S. E.

Lat.  $39^{\circ} 48' N$

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> First part wind hauled into the S. E. Middle part about the same Latter part got a fair wind from the S. W. steering E. S. E.

Lat.  $39^{\circ} 11' N$

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> First part wind moderating shook the reefs out of the Topsails steering E. S. E. Middle part wind strong from the S. S. W. set the fore and main Topgallantsails. Latter part heavy squalls from the S. S. W. steering S. E.

Lat  $37^{\circ} 02' N$

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> First part a strong wind from the S. W. attended with heavy squalls steering S. E. Hauled the Topgallantsails. Middle part wind from the N. N. W. and being more moderate made all sails steering S. E. Latter part a strong breeze from the S. S. W. took in the light sail steering by the wind into the S. E. Watch employed in scrubbing Whale Bone

Lat.  $35^{\circ} 11' N$



# Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> /61

First part pleasant weather and a fine wind from the S. S. W. Set the light sails. Watch engaged in washing Whale Bone. Middle part wind freshening took in the light sails and double reefed the fore Topsail the foot rope of the Mizzen Topsail parted and were obliged to furl the sail. Latter part sent down the Mizzen Topsail to repair. Wind blowing in strong from the S. S. W. Double reefed the M. Topsail. All hands on deck washing Bone

Lat. 34° 53' N

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> First part pleasant weather. Wind more moderate from the S. W. set mainsail & pil. All hands employed washing Bone. Finished repairing the Mizzen Topsail and bent it. Middle part wind from the N. W. made all sail steering South. Latter part rainy. Wind working into the East.

Lat. 32° 43' N

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> First part wind light from the S. E. Took in the light sails. Finished washing the Bone. Middle part a strong wind from the S. S. W. Took in the Topgallantsails. Steering by the wind into the S. E. Latter part sent down the M. Topgallantsail to mend also sent another fore Topsail

Lat. 31° 42' N

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> First part blowing fresh from the S. S. W. under double reefed Topsail. Having repaired the M. Topgallantsail. bent it. Middle part wind suddenly shifted to the North. steering South made all sail. Latter part have the bone stowed around the deck for the purpose of drying. Steering South

Lat. 29° 42' N

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Commences with a strong wind from the North steering S. by E. Engaged in drying Bone. Middle part wind strong from the N. W. Latter part wind about N. N. W. accompanied with heavy squalls steering S. by W. Watch employed drying Bone and making battens stuff.

Lat 26° 42' N



# Bound to the Sandwich Islands

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 161

This day begins with a beautiful breeze from the W. Middle part the wind blowing into the South took the light sails and braced up the yards. At 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> o'clock Frank Black, (Boatswain) died of Consumption. He was a native of the Cape De. Verdes aged about 35 years. He was a good shipmate, and his loss is severely felt by all hands. He caught a slight cold in the first part of the season, and treated it too carelessly, and which finally settled on his lungs, which sent him to his bed from which he never arose alive. I was with him on his last moments, and he appeared sensible to the last. Latter part a light wind & had the mournful task of sewing up the body of my late ship mate at 10 1/2 o'clock consigned his body to the deep, without so much as a prayer in respect for the departed dead. I believe there is no class of people however degraded, but perform some ceremony over their dead. Of Capt Clark considered himself incapable of saying a few words. He could have found time aboard the ship that would have offered up a prayer in memory of the departed dead. I trust I never shall witness so disgusting a scene again. The crew were washing ship inside and they did not leave their work excepting a few.

Lat. 25° 03' N.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> First part wind very light from the South. Finished washing ship & am so hard with the heavy that I can scarcely move. Latter part light wind from the N. & N. steering S. by W. Watch employed washing ship outside.

Lat 24° 42' N

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Commences with a light wind from the Westward. Some of the watch washing ship and others are bunching the Bone steering S. by E. Middle part wind light from the North. Latter part finished washing ship outside, also bunching Bone. Spoke the Barque Ontario of N. Bedford, Foster, Master, from the North with 800 Bbl. the season.

Lat 22° 44' N



At anchor in the harbor of Honolulu

Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> /61

First part a light trade wind and well to the steering by the Watch employed in bunkering the latter part a light Trade wind steering W. S. W. saw the Islands "Moorea," "Manai," and "Molokai"

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> First part a fine Trade wind hauled up the cables and bent them Middle part a strong Trade wind steering S. W. by W. 12<sup>th</sup> M. saw the Island of Oahu At 5 P. M. took a Pilot who informed us of the terrible war raging at home Latter part took the steam tug and at 8 P. M. were at anchor in the harbor of Honolulu. The rest of the day were engaged moving ship

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> This day doing little or nothing The Clipped ship Moonlight arrived bringing a Mail from San-Francisco

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> This day watch engaged in painting ship outside. Received a letter from home to day

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> This is a beautiful day I should have attended Church to day. if I had been able but I am still very lame

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> This day employed painting ship outside. I am quite sick with the Scurvy and can scarcely walk.

Tuesday & Wednesday. The crew engaged in painting ship outside.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> This day all hands went before the American Consul (Mr. Parker) and received their discharge. I have placed myself under the care of Dr. Gills for medical treatment.



At anchor in the harbor of Honolulu  
Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> /61

Having been in this place about 3 weeks and recovered from my illness, I have concluded to go to sea. I might continue on with Capt Clark but I wish to go home, and shall embrace the first opportunity of doing so.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> This day I shipped 4<sup>th</sup> Officer of the ship. <sup>Capt. Stranberg</sup> Surgeon, Mr. Bedford bound to the California Coast and home. I went aboard the "Dean" and bid my shipmates farewell. I packed up my things and sent them aboard the ship which is laying off and on. Latter part went aboard the "Surgeon". I parted with George Prescott and George Colby, two school-mates who came from home with me. They are both going home, and I hope we shall all meet there.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> This day kept off to the Westward bound to the island of "Oahu" for Hogs Head. The part ran down by the island of Oahu. Latter part wind light the island of Oahu in sight.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Having got close in shore Capt Stranberg went in and sent the boat aboard as he is obliged to stop ashore to bargain for the necessities. Middle part laying off and on under double reefed Topsail. Latter part sent two boats in shore. They each came back loaded with sweet Potatoes.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sent one boat in shore for the Capt which came off with him and also brought a few Hogs. Middle part steering by the wind under double reefed Topsail headed to the North. Latter part strong trades headed to the Northward under whole Topsails. I feel very homesick being amongst strangers but I am in hopes to feel better in a few days.



Bound to the coast of California

Thursday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup> /61

This day strong trade winds steering into the N Middle part wind and weather the same Latter part wind hauled into the S. E. I am very homesick and homesick and if I can leave the ship at the end of the cruising season, I shall endeavor to get home by the way of the Straits.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> This day wind strong from the S. E. steering by the wind into the N. E. Latter part wind strong from the S. E.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Commenced with strong winds from the S. E. by steering E. by N. Latter part wind about the same, steering E. by N.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Strong S. E. winds steering E. by N. Middle and Latter part the same To day being the the Sabbath I have occupied my thoughts with Friends at home. I am all impatience to see that dear spot again.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> This day, strong S. E. wind, steering E. by N. Latter part strong S. E. wind steering E. by N.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> This day strong S. E. winds steering E. by N. Turned up the Sloop boat to paint Middle part a beautiful breeze from the S. E. Latter part wind lighted. Took in the Waist boat to mend.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> This day wind very light from the S. E. Latter part wind light, steering E. by N. Employed in ship duty Carpenter repairing the Waist boat.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> This day wind light from the S. E. are steering E. by N. Middle part light winds and calm. Latter part got a light wind from the S. E. steering E. by N. Turned up the Bow boat to paint.

Lat. 31° 31' N

Long 143° 30' W



# Bound to the east of California

Friday November 29<sup>th</sup> /61

This day wind light from the S. W. steering E. by N. Middle part wind about the same steering E. by N. Latter part wind about the same steering E. by N. Watch employed in ship duty

Lat.  $31^{\circ} 24' N$

Long.  $141^{\circ} 30' W$

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> This day steering E. by N. with a fine wind from the S. W. Middle part wind and weather the same Latter part engaged in painting the boats inside

Lat.  $31^{\circ} 27' N$

Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> This day begins with a fine wind from the S. W. steering E. by N. Middle part wind from the S. W. steering E. by N. Latter part a fine Westerly wind

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> This day begins with a fine Westerly wind steering E. by N. Latter part employed in painting the inside of the boats. steering E. by N.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> This day a fine wind from the S. W. steering E. Latter part about the same Watch engaged in ship duty. fitting boats &c.

Lat  $31^{\circ} 34'$

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> This day wind worked into the S. W. Rode new Fore and Main Topail. Bows Middle part strong S. W. winds and rainy Latter part steering E. Signalized a Merchant Ship

Lat  $30^{\circ} 57' N$

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> This day begins with a fine S. W. wind steering E. by N. Latter part wind from the S. W. steering E. Watch engaged in ship duty. O that I was home amongst my friends. I never felt so lonely at sea as at the present time. I am now amongst strangers and with no one that I can converse with. I think this present voyage will be my last long one I wish to be at home often to take some enjoyment

Long  $127^{\circ} 10' W$

Lat  
Long

$30^{\circ} 02' N$

123.48



Bound to the coast of California

Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> 1861

This day wind very light from the N. E. close hauled on the Port tack. Latter part wind light. Watch engaged in repairing an old mainsail. Lat.  $29^{\circ}40'$   
Long.  $122^{\circ}31'$

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> This day finished repairing the mainsail. Unbent the one abt and sent that one up. Middle part wind light from the N. E. Latter part unbent the Crutchet to mend. Lat.  $29^{\circ}26'N$   
Long.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> This day got a fine wind from the N. steering E. by N. Having repaired the Crutchet but it against Middle part a fine breeze and rainy. Latter part wind strong from the N. N. steering E. by N. Lat.  $29^{\circ}12'N$   
Long.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> This day a strong N. N. wind steering E. Saw the island of "Guadalupe" Middle part steering E. with a very light wind from the N. N. Latter part a strong N. N. wind steering E. by N. is quite foggy. Lat.  $28^{\circ}09'$   
Long.  $118^{\circ}48'$

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> This day a fine breeze from the N. West steering E. by N. Middle part. Hauled up the Courts and stood along till 3 o'clock when we hauled aback till daylight. Latter part steering E. N. E. saw the coast of Lower-California. Lewis Island in sight. Lat.  $27^{\circ}01'N$   
Long.  $117^{\circ}01'W$

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> This day a light wind from the N. N. stood in close to Turtle Bay but as there were no ships to be seen kept on to the South. Latter part steering E. by E. sent down the Foresail to mend. Lat.  $27^{\circ}02'N$   
Long.

Thursday 12 This day steering along the coast to the South East. Having finished repairing the Foresail bent it. Middle part wind light. Latter part a light wind from the N. N. saw a sail standing down the coast. Sailed about 10 miles off. Lat.  $26^{\circ}07'$   
Long.  $113^{\circ}34'$



Bound to the coast of California

Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> / 61

This day wind light from the N. steering along the coast to the south Middle part a very light breeze from the N. N. steering to the S. E. Latter part nearly calm. Saw a school of Blackfish

Lat  
Long

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> This day begins with a light wind from the N. N. steering about S. E. Middle part wind very light from the North. Latter part nearly calm saw one small Steamer steering to the South. The heads of Magdalena bay are in plain sight

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> This day got a light breeze from the N. N. Steered into Magdalena bay about 3 miles and came to anchor. There is about a dozen Hump-Backs in sight and a boat fast to one, which belongs to a ship at anchor here. Latter part Capt. Starnburg went aboard the stranger who proved <sup>fishy</sup> the ship Harver. Sent the boats off a whaling.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> This day a fine wind blowing in the bay. The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mates went off on a cruise and came back at night bringing a few fish and turtle. The Mate and myself stopt aboard to get ready for whaling.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> This day 4 boats off a whaling. The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mates have gone down to the lee bay to stop the night. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate and myself went outside a whaling. Saw a great many Humpbacks. My Boatsteerer darted at one but did not harpoon. It was a long dart but I think I could have struck him but still he done his best which satisfies me.

Wednesday - 18<sup>th</sup> This day is shrouded in with thick fog which cleared up about noon. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate and myself went outside a Humpbacking but did not get fast. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mates came back from the lee bay. Capt. Manchester of the ship Harver which is at anchor here made us a visit.



At anchor in Magdalena Bay, Lower California  
Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> /61  
This day all hands engaged in reading down the Main  
Topmast. The heel of it is a little rotten. A boat's crew  
came aboard of us that belong to the Schooner ~~Matthias~~ *Matthias* *Russ*  
which is at anchor 20 miles up the bay

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> This day the Carpenter is busy repairing the  
Topmast. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mates were gone all day, and came  
back at night bringing a quantity of round chains.

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> This day the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate went off fish-  
ing and turtleing. The Carpenter has got the Topmast in  
readiness for going aloft. At sundown the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate came  
aboard and reports, not having seen the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate since  
leaving the ship.

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Not hearing any tidings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate  
we have come to the conclusion that he has been  
killed, and on searching the chests belonging to his  
boat's crew, find that their clothes are gone which is  
very conclusive evidence of their having left. Mr.  
Nelsons had no cause for doing in the schooner he  
has. His reputation stood high as regarding his  
living qualities. His boat was completely fitted having  
a pump gun and harpoon which he carried off.

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> This day sent the Main Topmast  
aloft by sunset had every thing aloft and all  
the rigging set up. James S. Logan

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> This day the Mate and myself started  
on a trip to the lee bay, the principal object in going  
was to come in contact with some Mexicans and  
by him to send a letter to the authorities in La Paz  
hoping to intercept the runaways. about 4 P.M. we  
landed on the beach and the Mate started inland  
leaving me to look out for the boats. I set the  
gathering chains which are to be found here in  
abundance, and had a chowder for supper. At dawn  
rigged a tent with my boat-sail and turned in for  
the night



At anchor in Magdalena Bay, Lower California  
Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>

At six o'clock the Mate arrived, having gone 9 miles  
land before meeting with an inhabitant. We got  
breakfast which consisted of beans and roasted  
wals. We could not take our departure till noon  
the boats were high and dry. This is Christmas  
day and my thoughts naturally revert to friends at  
home. I hope a few short months will find me at  
that dear spot. The home of my childhood and  
regret ever having strayed from it. The past so  
clear appears as a dream, and I can hardly realize  
that during that time I have wandered over such  
an extent of this fair globe. I have been three times  
round the world and have seen all sorts and  
species of men. I have chased the whale under the  
burning sun of the tropics, and have pursued the  
monster in the dreary regions of the Arctic ocean as  
far North as the parallel of  $73^{\circ}$  and verily I am tired  
of wandering. As soon as our boats floated we started  
for the ship having a head tide and wind to  
pull against, and reached her about 9 o'clock

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> This day I am employed rigging another  
boat as the Captain will take charge of this. Last  
Sunday the Brig Maria of Valparaiso arrived which  
omitted mentioning in that day's work

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> This day I have been off catching turtle. At  
sundown a steamer bore in sight off the mouth of the  
harbor, probably a United States vessel.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> This day the Whale-ship Reindeer of New  
Bedford, arrived from Honolulu. The United States naval  
steamer. Narragansett arrived to day. She is last from  
Hawaii and brings late news from the Eastern States  
This coast is her station and she has kept in here to  
pass away a few days. It was a pleasure to see her unfold the  
story of our country; and to gaze upon the  
able craft as she rode so proudly at her anchor. A sight  
probably not altogether agreeable to a Secessionist



At anchor in Magdalena Bay, Lower California

Sunday, December 29

This day took our anchors and went 6 or 8 miles up the bay in 5 fathoms water. Nothing else transpired this day worthy of notice

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> This day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate and myself went off on a cruise. Towards night we saw a whale that had a calf. We put chase to her and came near striking several times but coming on dark we gave up the pursuit

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> This day, 3 boats started off on a cruise I saw a whale with a calf and chased her. I got fast and bore along. I waited some time for another boat, but after a while I hauled up to bomb the whale when the infernal calf came up to the boat & before I got out of the way its Mother stove me in a beautiful manner, cutting my boat down as though it had been an egg shell. It was a miracle that we all escaped unharmed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate came and picked us up, towed the boat to the ship and took her on deck

1862.

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

This day, the carpenter is busily employed repairing the stoved boat. It has been blowing strong from the S. W. during the night had squalls of wind and rain

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> This day, had some rain. The Reindeer has tripped her anchors and gone 8 miles up near the mouth of the bay. Carpenter busily employed on the stoved boat.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> This day, the Mate went aboard the United States steamer and purchased 4 tons for a barrel of oil rather a dear price. A ship in sight off the harbor



At anchor in Magdalena Bay. Lower California  
Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 1862  
This day sent 3 boats off, hoping to fall in with a few that  
was a calf but saw none. My boat being repaired the  
captain has given the charge of her to my Boatsteerer  
and compelling her to act in his capacity. This is to  
punish me for disobeying his commands. He gave order  
not to chase a whale that had a calf, which I was not  
aware of and hence the results.

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> This day took our anchor and went into  
the lee bay, which is about 20 miles distant. There we  
found the Reindeer at anchor. The ship that was in  
sight on Friday, proved to be the French whaler Gustave  
De Ro has come to anchor in the weather bay.

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> This day the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> mates went off on a  
sloop. They returned at night bringing a few turtle.  
The only inhabitants in this dreary place is 15 or 20  
Spaniards who have come from La Paz a distance of 100  
miles in hopes of finding employment aboard some ship.  
They have erected huts on the beach and are waiting  
patiently for their services to be accepted.

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> This day, all hands aboard employed in  
various duties. Capt. Stranburg has received news by a  
sloop that has come from Cape St. Lucas to the effect  
that the Mexican authorities at St. Joseph have taken  
the boat from the runaways and will retain it till  
called for. One of the boatmen who was taking away  
against his will, has returned in the sloop.

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> This day the wair and bow boat went  
off after turtle. One of the wair boats even ran away  
as though the man was insane. There is but  
little chance of his getting anywhere. He has neither  
water or food nor any chance of getting any within  
20 miles. He has got to swim through infected water  
sharks and force his way through mangrove bushes that  
will hardly admit of a rabbit truly his case is a hard  
one. Foolish fellow.



At anchor in Magdalena bay. Lower California

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
This day all the boats are aboard. It is blowing very strong from the N.W. Employed in making Royal brace stuff out of a few stranded whale lines

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> This day boats chased a cow and calf but could not catch them. Towards night the Mate got fast to a whale that had a calf. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate got fast to the whale, and got very badly stove. The Capt came from the ship and picked up the crew of the stowed boat. The Mate soon cut from the whale

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> This day a calm the Mate paddled out a Humpback that was asleep and got fast. She had a calf with her that must have been one year old. The whale ran about 8 hours and after the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mates had fired 5 bombs into her, she appeared to be unhurt. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate of the Reindeer shot the calf and struck it, and the Mate of the same ship pulled up and fired 2 bombs into our whale which stop her. By sundown had her alongside when she sunk

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> This day 2 boats went off. About 10 o'clock the whale came up but the sharks had eaten every particle of blubber from the breast of the whale. But what was left of the whale that was labor in vain for there was no oil in the whale being what is termed a "dry skin"

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> This day pulled up into the weather bay. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate struck a bull whale which started to the windward and was killed before any boat got there. Hooked on and towed till sunset then anchored the whale. Leaving me to stop by him through the night. The ship is about 15 miles off. I took a boat's sail & rigged a tent making ourselves as comfortable as possible. Whilst my boats even were resting from their labors. I had but little inclination for sleep my thoughts being far away with friends



At anchor in Magdalena bay Lower California

Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> 1862

When daylight broke saw the ship underweigh beating up about 10 o'clock she came to anchor having a strong head wind. At 12 o'clock I went aboard. At 4 P.M. the tide being fair went after the whale with 3 boats. Got him alongside by subburn and made fast for the night.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> This day cut in the whale and started the works at midnight had finished building. The blubber that came off the Humpback we threw overboard not using a drop of oil in it.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> This day hove up our anchor and started for the Weather bay. About sundown came to anchor. Hope the next time we get underweigh we shall leave this bay. I do not wish to see any more whales struck for they can hardly kill them when they get fast. The opinion of the majority of the crew is, that the Capt has taken my boat from me because he is jealous of my experience in this species of whaling. but pretends it is a retaliation for my getting stove.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> This day 3 boats went off cruising Capt Stran went himself to day. He paid a visit to the French ship Gustave. At blowing in strong boats came aboard early, not having seen any whales.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> This day sent the boats off. Saw a cow and calf and chased them 4 hours but could not get on, which perfectly suited me. I think our time is short in this place.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> This day commences with a fog but soon cleared up. Hove up our anchor, made sail and stood out of the bay. We are bound off down the coast and hope the next time we come to anchor, I shall be able to claim my discharge from this floating prison steering to the South and East wind light from the N.W.



Bound to Talcahuano, Province of Chile. S. America

This Monday January 20<sup>th</sup>  
This day begins with a strong wind from the N. N. W.  
steering about S. E. Latter part wind light from the  
N. N. W. Saw the land ahead in the vicinity of Cape  
St Lucas, at which place we are going to touch

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 P. M. hauled aback off the town of  
the Cape and Capt Swanburg went ashore. This is the  
extreme end of Lower California on the south, form-  
ing the North side of the entrance into the Californian  
gulf. At sundown the Capt came off having in tow  
the lost boat. The boat's gear is at St Joseph about 20  
miles from here. Middle part lying off and on the  
land. A large Ocean steamer passed by our stern  
within a ship's length. Latter part wind very high  
standing up the gulf.

Lat 23° 00'

Long 109° 40'

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> At 2 P. M. arrived off the harbor of  
the harbor of St Joseph, and Capt Swanburg went  
ashore. Saw an English sloop of war steering a  
cross the gulf. At sundown the Captain came off  
bringing the gear that belonged to the stolen boat. Mid-  
dle part nearly calm. Latter part wind light from  
the N. N. W. steering S. E. Saw a French sloop of war.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> This day got the anchors on the bow  
Middle part wind light from the N. E. Chose hauled  
Latter part stowed the cables below.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> This day wind light from the S. E. chose  
hauled on the starboard tack. Middle part a calm.  
This night I saw the form of my departed friend, George  
Wiswell. It was not a dream for I was wide awake. I saw  
the spirit if so I may call it for several minutes. I never  
did believe that spirits of departed mortals ever visited  
this earth, but what I see with my own eyes I cannot  
deny. If all the Divines that ever preached in pulpits  
should throw all their arguments into one they could never  
induce me to account for what I saw, in any other way, for  
I am convinced against his will  
of the same opinion still



Bound to Tabacuan, Province of Chili, S. America

Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> 1862

This day wind very light from the N. N. steering E. S. E. Middle part nearly calm Latter part wind light from the West. Watch engaged in filling up the water tank.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> This day begins with a light wind from the N. N. steering E. S. E. Middle and Latter parts light & variable winds. If I was at home this day, I should endeavor to devote my time as would become a civilized being not as a heathen. It will be a happy day when I am free from this floating hell for by no other name can I designate the ship Congress.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> This day wind very light from the N. N. steering E. by E Middle part calm Latter part a very light Westerly wind. Watch employed in making spungarn.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> This day wind light from the N. N. steering S. by E Middle part light baffling winds. Latter part saw a vessel which I believe is in the vicinity of Cape Horn in the N. coast of Mexico. This morning the Mate beat a drum in a most shameful manner without the least cause whatever. He was punished however for his brutality, for in the process he injured his hand so that he is obliged to carry it in a sling. There is hardly a day but some poor fellow suffers from the tyranny of our Mate. I hope he may yet be brought to an account for his deeds.

Lat. 19° 30' N

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> This day a light breeze from the West steering E. by E. Saw a schooner in by the hand. Employed in lifting a fore Royal yard. Latter part a calm. This is terrible weather especially when it is so calm.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> This day wind very light from the N. N. Latter part nearly calm. Sent down the Midship Topail to repair. This month is nearly gone and it will be a relief to my mind when two more have rubbed by, for I hope in that time that we shall have reached port when I shall be free from this floating prison.

Lat. 17° 50' N

Long. 103° 58' W



Bound to Talcahuano. Province of Chile, S. America

Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 1862

This day wind very light from the N. W. having finished the Mizzen Topsail bent it. Saw several humpbacks Middle a little wind from the North Latter part wind still light from the North. Sent down the Mizzen Topgiant sail

February

Lat 16° 50'

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> This day repaired the Mizzen Topgiant sail and bent it again. Middle part wind light from the N. W. Latter part wind very light from the North steering S. E. by E. which has been our course for the last week

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> This day wind very light from the N. W. steering S. E. by E. Middle part wind as usual. Latter part a light wind from the North. This day sent up the Fore and Mizzen royal yards aloft which was the most unnecessary work that I have ever seen done on the Sabbath. It would have rather more Christian like to show a little respect for the Lord's day, but it is the master and not the servant that will have to answer for the sin

Lat. 15° 26'

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> This day a light N. W. wind steering S. E. by E. Latter part wind from the same old quarter. Watch busily employed as usual

Long 100° 21'

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> This day wind very light from the North steering S. E. by E. Middle part calm. Latter part a very light wind from the N. W. The Fore topsail being badly chafed in the bunt I was ordered to put a new cloth in the sail without unbending it. I done the job satisfactory which disappointed Capt Stranburg as he had no opportunity of finding fault

Lat. 14° 28'

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> This day wind very light from the North Latter part all hands on deck employed in drying Whale-bone. There is about 10,000 lbs on deck. It is terrible hot and the wind is very light steering S. E. by E

Lat 13° 54'



Bound to Talcahuano. Province of Chili. S. America

Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> 1862

This day begins with a light wind from the North steering  
E by E. Bunched the hose and had it all stowed be-  
low by sunset. Middle part wind light from the N. E. we  
steering S. E. by E. Latter part have had the wind very  
light from the N. N. E. Lat. 13.27

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> This day got a light wind from the East  
at it died away towards sundown. Middle part calm  
latter part got a light breeze from the E. N. E. steering  
E. I think we are bound to Talcahuano, and I sin-  
cerely hope I am right in my conjecture. Lat. 12.21  
Long 98.50

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Wind light from the E. N. E. steering S. E.  
at 2 P. M. saw an Ocean steamer bound to the Northward  
latter part a dead calm. On order to give the watch on  
deck a job received orders to lower away a boat and wash  
the ship outside. Lat. 11.33

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Commences with a calm which is any thing  
but agreeable to us port bound sailors. but I suppose I must  
not repine, for we shall get our share of wind in due season  
latter part wind light from the E. steering S. E. Lat. 10.50

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> This day got a light wind from the East  
steering S. E. Middle part a nice breeze from the E. N. E.  
reading about S. E. by S. Latter part a fine wind from  
the E. steering S. E. saw a shoal of blackfish. Lat. 09.34

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> This day a light wind from the E. N. E.  
steering S. E. Middle part nearly calm. Latter part  
dead calm. How anxiously I watch the horizon in the  
P. M. to discover a rising cloud which might indicate the  
coming down of the trade winds; but alas I am doomed  
to disappointment, for not a speck can I see. There is a swell  
heaving to the S. W. which leads me to think we shall have  
a breeze before many hours, and rest assured I shall  
receive the welcome visitor with joy



Bound to Talcahuano, Province of Chili, S. America

Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>

This day got a light wind from the North steering S. E. Had a squall of rain which was quite refreshing tending to temper this hot atmosphere. Middle part calm. Latter part got a light N. E. wind. Saw a merchant ship astern who was close hauled steering about E. S. E. We are steering about S. S. E.

Lat. 08° 43'

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> This day I have the pleasure of recording a fine breeze. I think the trades have now set down. Middle part steering S. E. by E. Latter part beautiful wind from the N. E. Watch engaged in setting up the Mizzen rigging.

Lat. 07° 00'

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> This day a fine trade wind steering S. E. by E. Middle part jugging along in noble style with every rag set that will draw. Latter part came up S. E. by E.

Lat. 05° 21'

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> This day commences with a fine wind from the N. N. E. steering E. S. E. At 5 P. M. had heavy showers of rain which left us in a calm. Middle part a light wind from the North steering E. S. E. Latter part wind light from the N. N. This is my birthday which makes the 2<sup>nd</sup> one that has rolled by since leaving home. I can hardly realize it but such is the case. How swiftly flies the time. It is but a few short steps from Childhood to old Age.

Lat. 04° 15'

Long. 96° 06'

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> This day nearly calm, raining very hard. Watch busily employed in knocking the rust off the anchors. Middle part raining. Latter part calm. Strained till noon and cleared off.

Lat. 04° 04'

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> This day got a light wind from the South steering by the wind into the E. S. E. Middle part wind light from the South, close hauled on the Starboard tack. Latter part about the same. Wind still hanging to the South and as light as it can very well be.



Bound. to Talcahuano, Province of Chili, S. America  
Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 1863  
This day begins with a light wind from the S. E.  
steering by the wind with the Starboard tack abeam.  
 Latter part a light wind from the South. Watch  
engaged in blacking the anchors with a mixture  
of tar, lampblack, and oil  
Lat. 3° 27'  
Long. 94° 07'

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> This day have got a steady breeze  
from the S. S. W. steering S. E. This is rather a re-  
markable wind to have within such a short distance  
of the Equator. It may be the end of the South. East  
winds trailing across. Middle and latter part a nice  
breeze from the S. S. W. steering S. E.  
Lat. 3° 47'

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> This day commences with a calm. My  
anticipations of a speedy passage to port have all vanished  
and how inconsistent is man; it is rebelling against our  
maker, to be selfishly repining. for we can exercise no con-  
trol over the elements. Nature must and will take its  
course. Latter part a light air from the S. S. W. Lat. 3° 37'  
Long. 93° 03'

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> This day commences with a light air from  
the S. S. W. steering S. E. Middle part calm. Had several  
showers of rain. Latter part nearly calm. Employed in  
painting some carved work that is on the ship's stern  
Lat. 3° 38' N

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> This day begins with a calm. Middle part  
raining. Got a breeze from the S. W. which lasted about  
four hours and then died away calm. Latter part raining.  
At 10 P. M. got a fine wind from the S. W. heading into  
the S. E. Caught some Bonitos which through a very  
rainy fish were quite a treat relieving the monotony of  
our dull fare consisting of Hard bread, and extremely  
salt meat, which bears a strong resemblance, both in  
colour and toughness to that valuable wood denominated  
Mokogany.  
Lat. 3° 25' N

There is a strong current setting to the N. W.  
at the rate of one and a half knots per hour



Bound to Talcahuano, Province of Chili, S. America

Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1862

Had a breeze which lasted till 4 P.M. and then left us Middle part a light wind from the S.W. by N steering S.E. by S. Latter part a light air from the West steering S. by E. sent down the Main-Mast to repair. It appears as though Capt Stranburg had not the least regard for the Sabbath for the Royal needed repairing several days ago. but it was left for a Sunday's job. Lat 1.48

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

This day had a light air from the N. steering S. by E. Latter part had a little rain. At 9 A.M. got a fine wind from the N.W. heading S. by E. Caught several fine abacore which served as a fresh meat for all hands Lat. 01.07

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> This day had a light breeze from the N.W. which lasted till about 4 P.M. and then died away Middle part a light air from the North Latter part nearly calm. A great many sharks around. I have heard it mentioned that the Dolphin was the fleetest fish in the water, but from the few observations I have made. I think it but justice, for the Dolphin to give his sharkship the preference as regards speed; that, and voraciousness be the only qualities he is entitled to; for beauty, is certainly not one of his appendages. One of our crew tied a fish to a line and trailed it in the water and immediately there was eight or ten large sharks in pursuit of it and they appeared by their actions to have fasted a month. It was but a few days ago some of the men were in bathing, but the sight at the sharks has induced them to relinquish that enjoyment for the future. Lat. 00.37

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> This day had a light air from the North heading S. by E. Towards sundown looked for blackfish but did not succeed in getting any. Middle part light winds and calms Latter part calm Lat. 00.01 N

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

This day got a light wind from the S.W. steering by the wind into the South. Middle part heavy showers of rain and a light southerly air. Latter part a calm. We are now across the Equinoctial line Lat. 00.36 S



Bound to Tabacuan, Province of Chibi, S. America  
Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> /62  
This day a light air from the S. W. Middle part nearly calm  
Latter part wind very light. Watch engaged in scraping iron  
work about the ship.  
Lat. 01° 15' S

### March

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> This day got a fine wind from the S. E. close  
hauled on the Port tack. Middle part close hauled on the  
Port tack. Raining very heavily. Had some very heavy thun-  
der and sharp lightning. There is nothing that awakes in my  
mind, the knowledge of Man's utter helplessness, quicker, than  
when in the midst of a heavy thunder storm at sea. Suppose we  
were left to our own resources, we would be miserable enough.  
We can find our way over the sea by the help of the Compass  
and Heavenly bodies. we can shun rocks and shoals provided  
we are correct in our calculations, but with all our ingenuity we  
have found no method of averting the wrath of the Almighty.  
God in his wisdom had willed that one of those streaks of  
lightning should have struck our ship. we could have found no  
means of evading its destructive powers. Then how requisite it  
is for the safety of our souls, that we should be prepared for  
the coming hour. The good Book teaches us that death cometh  
like a thief in the night. but how few heed its warning.  
Latter part calm. Watch employed scrubbing ship outside

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> This day wind light from the South close  
hauled on the Port tack. Middle part wind from the  
North steering South. Latter part tacks hauled down to  
Port heading about S. S. W.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Got the Trade winds light from the South  
Middle part rainy and calm. Latter part a light wind  
from the South. steering by the wind into the S. S. W.  
Lat. 02° 27' S

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> This day got the Trades blowing from the S. S. E.  
Middle part a nice breeze from the S. S. E. Latter part  
wind light. Watch engaged in painting the Chain plates  
and the ironwork around the Dead eyes. Heading by the  
wind into the S. W.



Bound to Tabakuan, Province of Chili, S. America

Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> / 10  
This day got the wind from the S. E. close hauled on the Starboard tack Middle and Latter parts the same as the former; bent a new Spanish

Lat. 03° 59'

This day strong Trades blowing down, close hauled on the Port tack. Set up the Main Topmast fore and aft stay middle part a strong Trade wind. Latter part had several squalls of rain, which tended to refresh the atmosphere

Lat. 04° 17' S

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> This day blowing fresh fresh from the S. E. steering by the wind into the S. W. Middle part a beautiful breeze. Latter part commenced painting ship inside. Wind from the S. S. E.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> This day finished painting Middle part wind hauled into the S. E. so that we can lay along about S. S. E. Latter part a strong S. E. wind close hauled on the Port tack.

Lat. 06° 22'

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> This day have got strong S. E. Trades by the wind on the Port tack. Latter part blowing fresh from the E. S. E. Checked in the yards about 2 points so that our good ship is bowling the knots off in fine style.

Lat. 7° 53'

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> This day blowing fresh from the E. S. E. steering S. S. W. Handed the topgallant sails. This is the first time in seven weeks that we have been obliged to take in a stich of canvas. Latter part blowing very strong from the E. S. E. Set the Main topgallant sail.

Lat. 09° 54'

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> This day blowing strong from the E. heading about S. by W. Middle part wind increasing, took in the Main topgallant sail. Latter part blowing strong from the E. steering S. W. Our course is about S. E. where we cannot go, but by giving the ship a good hull, we shall then move readily past out of the Trades and get the variable winds, and can then go the Eastwards



Bound to Talcahuano. Province of Chilo, S. America

Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1862

This day begins with a strong Easterly wind steering a good  
up full headed to the South. Middle part blowing strong. We are  
tugging along under a heavy press of canvas and are trying to  
about in sight and earnest. Latter part wind strong though  
somewhat lighter than <sup>during</sup> the previous part of the day. Lat. 14° 25'  
Long. 104° 32'

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> This day wind quite fresh from the E. steering to  
the Southward. Middle part had several light squalls. Wind came  
to the S. E. Latter part a fine Easterly wind steering  
to the South Lat. 16° 23'

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> This day's work is merely a repetition of the  
previous one; wind and weather being about the same.  
We are running off our latitude quite fast which leads me  
think we nearly reach port this month. Lat. 18° 32'

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Commences with a strong wind from the  
Eastward headed to the South. Middle part wind fresh  
from the E. Latter part a strong E. wind steering S. by E.  
Lat. 20° 40'

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> This day wind lighter than usual but has hauled aft  
point so that we are heading about S. S. E. Middle part a nice  
wind from the E. N. E. steering S. S. E. Latter part wind about E. by S.  
steering S. S. E. This is the Lord's day and such a beautiful one, as  
would make one think that the very wind had withheld his boi-  
stevous callings, in order that the poor Mariner may enjoy a quiet  
Sabbath, by being exempt from those toils which are entailed upon  
him, by that element's furious blasts. The sun is also shining in all  
his splendor, casting his rays over old ocean's bed; the sea-birds also  
are hovering in our wake, chanting their respective praises to their  
Maker, and innumerable quantities of flying fish are shimmering  
gaily over the waters. whilst at intervals of beautiful dolphins  
may be seen swimming swiftly along, ready to seize upon one  
of those little winged fish. The moment it settles into the  
water. It appears as if all the beauties of the sea were concen-  
trated here this day, for our especial gratification. There is one  
thing only wanting, to render the scene perfect in my estimation  
and that is the company of a friend. That I might hold  
pleasant converse with.  
Lat. 22° 39' S.



Bound to Tulehuano, Province of Chili, S. America

Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>  
This day wind light from the E. S. E. heading into the  
Middle part wind quite light from the S. E. close hauled.  
 Latter part a light Easterly wind. Watch engaged in setting  
up the Head stays

Lat. 24° 00'

Long 108° 40'

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> This day begins with a light S. E. wind close hauled  
on the Port tack. Latter part a light breeze from the E. S. E. head-  
ed into the South. Set up the Mizzen topmast fore & aft stay,  
also the backstays

Lat. 25° 03'

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> First part of the day wind light from the E.  
steering to the South. Watch engaged in setting up the Mizzen  
topmast backstays. Latter part a strong wind from the E. S. E.

Lat. 26° 18'

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> At 2 P.M. raised land 2 points on the weather  
The natives of this **[Easter Island]** place are very savage.  
About two years ago they massacred a portion of the crew of the  
whaling bark Superior. Their object in so doing was merely to  
obtain possession of one of the ship's boats that had landed.  
Middle part wind strong from the N. E. lying off and on  
the land, as Capt. Stranburg intends going ashore in the  
morning to trade with the natives. I should think it more  
prudent to keep away from them. As they have not been  
chastised for the last butchery they committed, they will be  
encouraged to repeat it at the first opportunity. Latter part blow-  
ing very strong from the N. E. Not being able to beat up to  
the land kept off S. S. E.

Lat. 27° 52' S

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Commences with a strong wind from the N. N. E.  
steering S. E. Hauled the topgallants. Watch engaged in setting  
up the fore topmast backstays. At 6 P.M. double reefed the top-  
sails. Middle part blowing strong from the Northward steering  
S. E. Latter part shook out the reefs, but at 8 A.M. put in one  
reef. steering E. S. E.

Lat. 30° 21'

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Blowing strong from the North steering E. S. E.  
At sundown put another reef in the fore topsail. Middle part  
blowing very strong from the N. steering E. S. E. Latter part  
wind being more moderate, made all sail.

Lat. 31° 58'



Bound to Talcahuano, Province of Chili, S. America  
Sunday March 23<sup>d</sup> 1862  
The first part of this day a fine wind from the N.N.W. steering E. by S. Middle part a good breeze from the North. Latter part wind somewhat lighter from the N.W. steering E. by S.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light breeze from the N.W. Middle part wind shifted to the E. Latter part calm & rainy. Watch engaged in setting up the main topmast backstay.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> First part got a light wind from the E. Ship is close hauled on the port tack. Middle part got a very light wind from the North. Latter part a very light wind from the N.W. steering E. by S.  
Lat. 33° 39' S  
Long 102° 23' W

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> First part nearly calm. Middle part a light wind from the N. steering E. by S. Latter part wind very light from the Westward steering East. Saw a Merchant barque steering into the Eastward.  
Lat. 33° 47'  
Long 104° 38' W

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light wind from the N.W. steering E. by S. Middle part wind very light. Could not a cloud be seen that would denote an increase of it. Latter part a light wind from the S.W. steering E. by S. Latter part a nice breeze from the N.E. Bent a new foresail.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> This day begins with a calm. Bent a new mainsail to old main top sail. Middle part calm. Latter part got a fine wind from the N.E. The Merchantman still in sight.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> This day have got a fresh breeze from the N.W. close hauled on the port tack. Middle part wind strong from the N.W. Latter part wind quite strong from the N.E.  
Lat. 36° 38'

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Begins with a strong wind from the N.W. steering E. by N. Middle part a strong Northerly wind steering E. by N. Latter part, wind and weather the same as the previous parts. Saw a large Merchant ship steering to the S.E. probably bound around Cape Horn.  
Long 98° 03' W



Bound to Tabakuan. Province of Chili. S. America

Monday, April 31<sup>st</sup> March 162

This day begins with a fine breeze from the N. N. steering E. by N. Middle part a strong N. N. wind steering E. by N. Latter part a fine breeze from the N. N. steering E. N. E. Bent a foretopmast stunsail and set it

April.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Commences with a strong wind from the N. N. steering E. N. E. Middle part a good breeze from the N. N. N. steering N. E. by E. Latter part wind and weather the same

Long 88.44'

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> First part wind rather light from the N. N. steering N. E. by E. Middle part wind quite fresh from the N. Latter part saw a three masted schooner steering to the N. Wind about West

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> First and Middle parts wind from the N. Latter part wind about N. by S. steering N. E. by E. 1/2 E

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light wind from the South steering E. N. E. Middle and Latter part a calm.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> First part got a breeze from the S. E. close hauled on the Starboard tack Middle part wind quite fresh from the E. S. E. Latter part wind strong from the S. E.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> All of these 24 hours a calm. The clouds look heavy, and denote wind. Two days of a good wind would carry us to Port. but I am fearful that is to much of a blessing to be realized; but still, time works wonders.

Lat. 35.53'

Long. 79.48'

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> First part got a light wind from the N. N. steering E. 1/2 N. Middle part wind parted to the North, and steadily increasing. Latter part wind fresh from the N. N. N. steering E. 1/2 N.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> First part wind hauled into the South, and commenced blowing on. Took in the light sails. At 4 P. M. double reefed the topsail Middle part wind strong from the S. E. close hauled on the Starboard tack. Latter part wind quite moderate from the South steering E. by N.



## My Native Home

Talk not to me of foreign lands,  
With rose and myrtle bowers,  
High snow-crowned peaks, pure crystal lakes,  
Old farnes and ruined towers.  
Though passing fair these scenes may be,  
To those who choose to roam,  
They cannot boast such charms for me,  
As my loved native home.

Talk maidens' soft and blooming cheeks  
May with their roses vie;  
Their maidens' eyes may be as blue,  
As is their cloudless sky;  
I own I may have gazed on them  
With fond, delighted eyes,  
Yet those who grace my native land  
My heart alone did prize.

It was in vain, year after year,  
That I did idly stray,  
From Egypt's sultry wastes to where  
Spain's orange breezes play;—  
From Stamboul's glittering minarets  
To Rome's proud papal dome;—  
All but increased my early love  
For my own native home.

A health, then, for New England,  
True, joyous, and sincere,  
Possessing all that man can wish,  
To make his hearthstone dear,  
And, though on sunny shores I dwell,  
Through sunny realms I roam,  
Still let my heart be true to thee,  
My own loved, native home.



At anchor in Talcahuano. Province of Chili. S. America

Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> /62  
This day a fine wind from the South steering E. by S Middle part a beautiful breeze from the S. W. steering E. by N. Latter part saw the land of Chili. Employed the greater part of the day in beating up the bay of Concepcion. At sundown came to anchor off the port of Talcahuano.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> This day were employed in painting ships. There is upwards of 20 sperm whalers in port which tends to make times quite lively ashore.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Employed most of the day in painting. Several whalers arrived.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> This day Capt Stanburg informed those of us who were cruizers that he had no further need of our services and that he would discharge us on Monday. Thanks be to God, I am free from a brutal, tyrannical Captain. He has never molested me, but it has grieved me to the heart to witness the abuse some of my poor shipmates have been subject to; but sooner or later, justice will overtake the perpetrator of such cruelty.

Sunday 13 This day has passed as the Sabbath generally does in a Catholic country. This evening at my boarding house I unexpectedly fell in with an old friend, (Charles Lifer) who parted two years ago on a Southern Right whale ground. meet now for the first time since that period. Quite a happiness to meet an acquaintance so uncalled for.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> This day I went before the American Consul and was discharged from the Whale ship Congress. Went aboard the ship and got my chest. After stopping ashore a few days I shall ship for home. Officers' warehouses are filled up, so that I shall be obliged to accept whatever situation I can get. Capt Stanburg wishes me to continue the voyage with him as 3<sup>d</sup> Officer but I would not do so under any consideration whatever. I am free from the brute and shall endeavor to keep so.



## Ashore in Tabacurano

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1862

I have employed myself to day in walking about town. I can hardly turn a corner without coming about an old acquaintance. The evenings in this place are the liveliest of the 24 hours. The dance halls are then crowded and the floor usually occupied without intermission till midnight. The old Spanish fandango has been most entirely superseded by American dances, which have been introduced to the country principally by seamen.

Wednesday 16 The inhabitants are now making preparations for Good Friday. After to day no more business will be transacted till Saturday noon.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> The Church has been open all day, and more curiosity prompt me to step in, but such a mockery as I saw, I hope I may never again witness. Stretched out a platform was a cross with a representation of our savior nailed to it. At the head and feet, candles were kept constantly burning. I turned from the spot, as I deem it wicked to gaze upon such a scene. At the entrance of the Church was a figure of the Virgin Mary, decked in the gaudiest style imaginable, to which all good Catholics make their devotions. On my exit I met the priest who greeted me with "Buena Noche" and who was apparently pleased at seeing a foreigner in his house of worship.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> This day is very quiet the only sounds to be heard in the street is the footsteps of the passerby, who if he be a native is wending his way to church.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> To day ends the celebration of Good Friday. Offices of Judas the betrayer of our savior, was hung up in various parts of the town previously filled with powder, fire-crackers and other combustibles. At 12 o'clock these images were burned amidst the firing of cannon, shouting of boys, dogs and other bipeds. After dinner at the invitation of my friend Charley Lopez, I shipped as a Boatsteerer in the Barque Sea-Queen of Westport, Capt Burdick. She is bound directly home & Charley of course accompanies me.   
End of Mañananta week



## Ashore in Talcahuano

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 1862  
This day I spent aboard one of the ships in harbor in company with an old friend. My friend Charley took drive to Concepcion. but returned at night, sore and lamer from his journey so that I did not begrudge the poor fellow his trip.

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> This day I am confined to my room with a very severe cold, which has settled on me and it troubles me considerably. It is sad enough to be ill when all those that can care for you. but how much more so when amongst strangers.

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> This day I am worse and had the attendance of a physician through the night. I have no more of paying my doctor's fees and medicine is at an astronomical price in this country.

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> I feel some better to day. It rains and flows, and every thing has a gloomy look about it. My friend Charley has a few dollars which he has kept for the purpose of procuring clothes for the homeward bound passage. but he is now expending it on me. and he allows he shall be compensated by seeing me well. How seldom in my wanderings have I made a successful friendship. I hope I may be able to requite his kindness for good at some future day.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> I feel quite smart to day, and should like to go aboard ship, but she cannot proceed to sea on account of a heavy Norther.

May, 1862

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> The last week it has been blowing a heavy gale from the North. but has now nearly subsided. I took my things aboard the ship and am now anxious to get to sea. I care not how swiftly the next few weeks will fly, as I long to meet with those I love at home. I anticipate pleasure, but we little know what changes may have taken place during my long absence.



Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 162

The wind is still ahead so that there is little prospect getting out. I have been employed in overhauling my sea clothes and making preparations for "Cape Horn"

Saturday & Sunday. These two days the wind has been ahead. There is quite a number of ships ready to sail at the first opportunity most of which are bound out on a cruise. Success to them

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> This day having a light breeze in our favor took the anchor and stood out of the harbor but the wind hauling ahead was obliged to come to an anchor

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> This day raining heavily during the middle part but cleared up as soon as the sun rose. Latter part took our anchor and stood to sea

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> First part all hands engaged in securing the anchors, and stowing the cables below. At sundown close the watches Middle part a strong southerly wind steering by the wind into the Westward.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> This day a strong southerly wind close hauled on the West tack. Watch engaged in fitting new fore & main tacks and making due preparations for rugged weather

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> These 24 hours the wind is still hanging to the South. I am quite impatient to get the other side of Cape Horn before winter sets in. I am quite happy aboard this vessel as we have a very kind Captain who appears to do every thing for the comfort of his men so different from the brute I was with last.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> These 24 hours the wind is very light from the South and towards the latter part calm. I think we have every prospect of soon getting a fair wind as heavy clouds are rolling up from the North and before another day has passed shall have as much as we want



## Homeward. Bound

Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1862

First part of these 24 hours a light wind from the N. E. steering S. by N. Middle part Wind strong from the North and steadily increasing. Took in the light sails. Latter part a heavy Norther. steering S. by E

## June

More than a month has now elapsed since I made my last entry in this book; the neglecting of which, has caused me much regret, as sickness unfortunately, has kept me confined a great part of the time soon after leaving Talcahuano. I was attacked with fainting spells I was then advised to go off duty which I did for a few days and then returned, but was soon afflicted worse than before. my fainting occurring oftener and generally leaving me very weak. I was at last forced to keep my bed. I was then seized with a violent sick headache which continued with but little intermission for several days. Having discharged considerable blood through my nostrils I feel greatly relieved. I have not the least doubt but that I have occasioned my illness in a great measure. I left home forty-seven months ago under very unhappy circumstances neglecting to return home and bid my parents adieu as was my duty to have done. As my voyage is now drawing to a close I cannot help reflecting on my past conduct and thinking what sort of a reception I may receive on my arrival. I have allowed such thoughts to so harass me that the consequence was, my mind gave way under their accumulation. I have now done anticipatory trouble, but shall endeavor to meet it as becomes a man. I will now sum up our last month's passage. We were off Cape Horn about 2 weeks with strong Easterly gales. Every thing being so close most of the time. When going to use a rope, the men were first obliged to beat the ice from it with a' heaver. We went to the Eastward of the Cape in the latitude of  $59^{\circ}30'$ . Then getting strong S. W. gales we soon run into a milder temperature. Our latitude now is in the neighborhood of  $45^{\circ}00'$ .

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> This day begins with a heavy gale from the S. W. steering N. N. E. Middle part blowing very heavy. More to latter part made all sail wind light from the E. Sent aloft the fore top gillnet yard which was sent down off Cape Horn. Bent the snib and set it. Rigged prevented fore top gillnet back stays Lat.  $41^{\circ}06'$



# Homeward. Bound.

Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> 162

This day begins with a strong breeze from the E. S. E. steering N. E. Middle part blowing strong from the S. E. close reefed the topsails. Latter part wind has shifted to the N. N. blowing strong. Reefed the courses

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Commences with a fresh gale from the N. Middle part wind from the S. N. made all sail steering N. N. E. Have commenced our lookouts for whales  
Lat. 47.41

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Commences with a strong breeze from the N. steering N. N. E. Latter part wind quite moderate from the N. steering N. by E.  
Lat. 35.06

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> The wind has hauled around aft and then hauled ahead into the N. E. Middle part a fresh breeze from the E. close hauled on the starboard tack. Latter part blowing strong from the E. N. E. steering by the wind to the N. Took in the Topgallant sails

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Blowing on strong from the N. E. and rainy. Put a reef in the topsails. Middle part blowing strong from the N. N. E. close hauled on the port tack. Furlled the mainsail. Latter part a strong wind from the N. Lat 34.58  
Long 36.51

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Commences with a strong Northerly wind close hauled on the port tack. Latter part wind strong from the same quarter steering into the Eastward  
Lat. 34.21 S

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Commences with a strong wind Long 33.45 W from the North close hauled on the port tack. Middle and latter part wind and weather the same  
Lat. 29.26

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> This day the wind shifted suddenly to the N. Middle part a light wind from the S. S. E. steering N. by N. Latter part set the fore topmast and main topgallant topsails. We have now got the trade winds and are quite sure of a fair wind to the Equator  
Lat 27.06 S



Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
This day a fine wind from the S. S. E. steering N. N. E. by N. Latter part a strong trade wind. Carried away the weather end of the Main topmast yard. Sent it down. Saw a Merchantmen steering South

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Wind strong from the S. E. Sent the Main topmast yard up forward after having repaired it, and sent the fore topmast yard up in its place. Latter part a strong wind from the S. E. steering N. N. E. Lat. 24° 14' S

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> This day saw the island of Trinidad bearing N. N. W. 30 miles dist. Middle part kept off N. W. in order to pass the land to leeward. Latter part steering N. N. E. with strong trade winds Lat. 18° 45'

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> This day wind strong from the S. E. steering N. N. E. Middle and Latter part wind and weather about the same. Our distance from home is now decreasing, for we shall make a very good passage if we do not get becalmed about the Equator. Lat. 15° 46'

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Wind fresh from the S. E. steering N. N. E. Latter part a fine trade wind steering N. N. E. Saw a Merchant ship steering to the S. W. Got on ahead of the stranger & hoisted a boat and boarded him. He proved to be the French ship "Nabou" 35 days from Bordeaux bound to Batavia. He had no papers but he thought the war was nearly ended, as the Federal troops were gaining every victory. Lat. 12° 31'

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> First and Middle part wind fresh from the S. S. E. steering N. by E. Latter part all hands engaged in getting out water, towing ship &c. Wind strong from the S. E. steering N. by E. Lat. 10° 04'

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Commences with a strong trade wind steering S. by E. Middle part squally. Latter part a strong trade wind steering N. by E. Lat. 06° 38'



Monday June 30<sup>th</sup> /62

This day begins with strong S. E. trades steering N. by E. A large merchant ship passed us steering to the S. N. Middle part strong squalls of rain. Latter part a beautiful breeze from the S. E. steering N. Have commenced tarring down the rigging

Lat. 03° 13'

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> First part a fresh breeze from the S. E. steering S. by E. in sight. Middle part squally. Latter part wind rather light. Hatch engaged in tarring the rigging.

Lat. 01° 36' S

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Commences with a light E. wind steering S. by E. Middle part wind light from the Eastward. I think we have lost the Southern trades. and I hope we shall soon get the N. E. ones. Latter part a very light Easterly wind

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> This day have a very light southerly wind. Hatch employed in painting the yards. Middle and Latter parts early calm

Lat 00. 28' S

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Commences with light baffling winds. Middle part and several squalls of rain. Latter part wind light from the south. Saw a Merchant Barque steering to the N.

Lat 00. 45' N

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> All of these 24 hours light winds and calms with frequent squalls of rain. I am in hopes we shall soon get the N. E. trades for I am anxious to reach home

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> First part light winds and squalls. Latter part raining heavily. Wind light from the south

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Commences with a light Easterly wind steering into the N. N. Middle part squally. Latter part a nice breeze from the N. E. steering N. N. by N.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> First part a light southerly winds with occasional squalls of rain. Latter part washed off ship inside preparatory to painting. Wind strong from the E steering N. N. by N.



Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup> / 6.  
This day the N. E. trades set down are steering N. N. by N  
Middle part strong N. E. winds steering N. N. by N. Latter part  
fresh trades steering N. N. by N. Lat. 06° 18'

Thursday 10 All of these 24 hours strong N. E. trades steering  
N. N. by N. Every mile our good ship goes shortens our jour-  
ney homewards. and sometimes fancies that my being home-  
ward bound is a mere illusion. and that at last I shall come  
to myself and find I am cruising on some whaling ground  
keeping a bright lookout for ye monsters of ye deep. Lat. 09° 20' N

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> First part strong winds from the N. E. steering N.  
N. by N. Middle part strong trades and frequent squalls of  
rain. Latter part blowing strong from the N. E. I have had  
a severe cough during the last six weeks and it is so heavily  
seated on me, that it causes me a deal of uneasiness. Still I  
hope for the best. and if we have a speedy passage I shall  
soon be where I can receive proper assistance. Lat. 11° 50'

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> All of these 24 hours we are blessed with strong  
with strong trade winds. which is driving us along at a fear-  
ful rate. and well does our noble barque do honor to her name  
the Sea-Queen. Lat. 14° 16'

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> First part strong trades steering N. N. by N. Middle  
part strong N. E. winds and squalls. Latter part strong N.  
E. wind steering N. N. by N. Have seen a quantity of Gulf  
weed. Lat. 16° 44'

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Commences with strong trades and fine  
weather steering N. N. by N. Middle part squally. Latter  
part strong trades. Lat. 19° 36'

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Commences with strong N. E. winds steering  
N. N. by N. Middle and Latter part wind and weather the  
same as the first of the day. Watch engaged in painting  
ship inside. Lat. 22° 11'  
Long. 48° 36' W



Wednesday July 16 162

First part of these 24 hours have got a fresh breeze from  
N. E. steering N. N. by N. Watch engaged in painting  
hip inside. Latter part wind from the E. N. E. Had  
several heavy squalls of rain.

Lat. 24.35 N

Long. 50.58 W

This day wind from the E. N. E. steering N. N. by N.  
A Merchant brig steering into the S. N. Middle  
part wind light from the E. N. E. Latter part wind  
brought to a tempestuous breeze passed us steering to  
the S. Watch employed in painting

Lat. 26.16

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> First part wind light from the N. N. close  
hauled on the port tack. Middle part calms. Latter  
part a light breeze from the Westward steering by the  
wind into the N. N.

Lat. 27.00

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Most of these 24 hours light winds and  
calms working very slow into the N. Watch engaged in  
painting the bow's masts

Lat. 27.44

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> First part a light breeze from the N. N. steering  
the wind into the Northward. Middle part calms and squalls  
of rain. Latter part wind light from the N. N.

Lat. 28.30

Long. 53.46

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Commenced with light winds and calms. Middle  
part squalls of wind and rain. Latter part a light wind from  
the N. heading by the wind into the N. N. N.

Lat. 29.30

Long. 54.01

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> First part strong winds from the N. N. steering  
to the N. N. Latter part strong winds and squalls from the  
N. N.

Lat. 31.20

Long. 55.26

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Commenced with a strong Westly wind  
close hauled on the port tack. Middle part wind strong  
going the N. N. N. Latter part blowing very strong from the  
N. N. N. Hauled the topgallant sails

Lat. 33.36

Long. 56.40



Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> 16

This day strong winds and squalls heading into the N. W. Middle part wind from the S. W. Latter part wind light from the S. S. W steering N. N. W

Lat. 35.04

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> This day begins with a light wind from the S. W. Middle part wind headed into the South steering N. N. W. Latter part a light southerly wind Lat. 35.40

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Commences with a fine breeze from the N. steering N. N. W. by N. Middle part blowing strong from the S. W. took in the topgall sails. Latter part heavy squalls double reefed the topsails.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> First part blowing strong from the S. W. steering into the N. W. Middle part blowing strong in squalls. Crossed the Gulf stream. Latter part blowing strong from the S. W. steering N. N. W

Lat 38.35

Long 63.40

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Commenced to blow heavy from the S. W. double reefed the topsails, but was soon obliged to hand the fore topsail. At 4 P. M. the gale shifted suddenly to the N. W. with a heavy sea running. Middle part the gale abated. Latter part wind light from the N. W. made all sail

Lat. 38.19

Long 62.59

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> First part wind light from the S. W. steering into the N. W. Middle part calm. Latter part a light wind from the N. E steering N. by N

Lat. 38.04

Long 62.40

There is a strong current setting to the S. E

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> First part a light wind from the East steering N. N. W. saw several merchantmen. Middle part but little wind. Had several thunder squalls. Latter part wind light from the N. heading to the N.

Lat 38.34

Long 62.25



Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup> /62

First part a fine breeze from the S. steering N. by N. W  
Capt Burdick boarded a boat and pulled for a Spanish  
merchantman but they would not let the boat come  
on board. They appeared to be exceedingly frightened taking  
probably for a Southern privateer. Middle part light  
breeze from the S. S. E. steering N. by N. W. Latter part a nice  
breeze from the S. S. E. steering N. by N. W.

Lat 39° 15'  
Long 64° 30'

August

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> First part a light wind from the South steering N. by N.  
Middle part wind light from all quarters of the compass  
and considerable lightning. Latter part wind light from the  
S. E. steering N. by N. W.

Lat 39° 35'  
Long 65° 39'

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Commenced with a calm. Capt Burdick boarded  
an English barque to get some news but as they had the yellow  
fever aboard he stopt but a few moments. They went into the  
harbor of Savannah for medical aid but the authorities would  
not let them stop fearing the contagion might spread amongst  
the troops stationed there. Middle part a light air from the S.  
steering N. by N. Latter part a light wind from the E steering N.

Lat 39° 32'  
Long 66° 04'

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> First part got a light breeze from  
the E. N. E. steering N. by N. Middle part wind very  
light from the N. W. close hauled on the Starboard tack  
Latter part light winds and calms

Lat 39° 37'  
Long 66° 40'

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Commenced with a light breeze from the  
S. E. steering N. by N. Middle part a light wind from  
the S. E. Latter part a fine wind from the S. steering  
N. by N. Saw several Merchant vessels

Lat 39° 38'  
Long 68° 29'

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> First part a light wind from the S. E. steering  
N. by N. Middle part light winds and calms. Latter part a  
light air from the E.

Lat 40° 04'  
Long 69° 40'

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> First and Middle part light winds from the N.  
Latter part a fresh breeze from the N. W. close hauled  
on the Starboard tack. Exchanged longitudes.  
with a brig. 12 sails in sight

Lat 39° 38'  
Long 71° 03'



Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> 1620

First part a strong wind from the N. N. E. close hauled on the starboard tack. Middle part wind died away and came on light from the South. steering N. by E. Latter part a light wind from the E steering N. by E.

Lat 39° 53'

Long 71° 43'

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> First part calm. Middle part got a good breeze from the N. N. steering N. by E. Latter part a fresh southerly wind steering N. E. by N. E. A. M. saw the E. end of Long Island. At 11 o'clock took a pilot for N. Bedford.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> N. E. by E 6 A misty



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